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Women in fields dominated by men increasing

JOBS Women are making greater inroads in non-traditional occupations and fields of study, says a new study released Thursday by Statistics Canada on women in the workforce.

In the 10-year period from 1996 to 2006, women went from a minority to a majority in a number of fields, including human resources, as administrative services managers, machine operators in textiles, as managers in art, culture, recreation and sport, and in insurance and real estate sales.

Gains were also made in some occupations considered non-traditional for women. For instance, the category for police and firefighters was 15 per cent female in 2006, up from 10 per cent a decade earlier, the report said.

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Shanghai World's Fair set to be biggest ever

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Young performers pose for a photographer in front of the China Pavilion at the World Expo site Thursday. Shanghai's Expo, which opens Saturday, is likely to be the largest World's Fair ever, with some 70 million visitors expected to attend before October.

82 more charges laid

CFB Trenton commander linked to rashes of home break-ins

A former Canadian military commander facing murder and sexual assault charges was hit with more than 80 new break-and-enter charges Thursday, with some of the burglaries reportedly involving lingerie.

Col. Russell Williams led one of the country's top airbases — CFB Trenton — before he was charged in February with first-degree murder in the deaths of two women and the sexual assaults of two others.

The commander's arrest shook the military to its core.

On Thursday, just hours before Williams made a brief court appearance, provincial police said a review of unsolved crimes in eastern Ontario had resulted in 82 new charges.

Forty-six of those involve break-ins in Tweed, Ont., the eastern Ontario community where Williams lived after taking command of the sprawling airbase in July 2009.

Another 34 fall under the jurisdiction of police in Ottawa, where Williams shared a house with his wife. The remaining two charges relate to suspected break-ins in Belleville, Ont., also near the military base.

Williams, 47, was arrested and charged in February with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Cpl. Marie-France Comeau of Brighton, Ont., and Jessica Lloyd, 27, of Belleville.

The Ottawa break-and-enter charges are centred around the Fallingbrook neighbourhood, where Williams once lived. A man whose house was among those burglarized said he and his wife came home one day to find family pictures on their bed and both his wife and daughters' underwear drawers open. "It was pretty upsetting," said the man, who didn't want to be identified.

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Cullen calls for Ottawa to register lobbyists

POLITICS Mayoral candidate Alex Cullen is calling for a municipal lobbyist registry. The Bay Ward councillor said representatives from the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group, Waste Management and Ashcroft Homes have all visited councillors in the last few weeks.

Lobbying is a normal part of doing business at city hall, but Cullen said a registry would let the public know who is being lobbied, who is doing the lobbying and for whom.

"Whether it's a community association, Minto, or the Sierra Club, or Waste Management people should know who is talking to their elected representatives," said Cullen.

The registry would require organizations to register and log their meetings with councillors. The list would be published regularly.

Cullen spoke to the Rotary Club of Nepean-Kanata Thursday about the lobby registry and his vision for the city if he were elected mayor. Though he's been active as a councillor, this is one of his first engagements in the mayoral campaign. Cullen said he plans to re-launch his campaign in May, but with six months to go, it's still early in the race.

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Hill to be alive with sound of music

More than 800 children from 15 local schools will converge on Parliament Hill Monday afternoon to celebrate Music Monday. The concert, which begins at 12:45 p.m. on the front steps of the Parliament Buildings, will feature bilingual renditions of Ode to Joy and Song for Canada, and culminates in a coast-to-coast singing of the Music Monday theme song, Sing, Sing.

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Mag picks Ottawa as best place to live in Canada

REPEAT For the third time in four years, Ottawa has been named the best place to live in Canada by MoneySense magazine.

The city, which came out on top in 2007 and 2008, also came in second to Victoria, B.C., last year.

MoneySense conducts its annual ranking based on a variety of factors including job creation, crime rates, health services, culture, recreation, cost of living, housing affordability and average salaries.

The ranking is good for local businesses and for organizations looking to locate or start up new companies in the capital, said Erin Kelly, executive director of the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce.

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Sunday busy for fundraisers

Walkers, cyclists to raise awareness, money in 4 separate events

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On March 6, 2006, Lisa Kadosa's father, Robert Nesbitt, was crushed to death under a three-ton platform while working at a nickel mine in Sudbury.

Kadosa believes his death could have been avoided if a piece of equipment that interfered with a scoop he was operating had been put away properly. At the time, it was common practice not to do so because it took too much time.

"He didn't see it, or know that it was there or I'm convinced he would have come home that day," she said.

On Sunday, Kadosa and her family will be walking for victims of workplace tragedy in the Steps for Life 5K walk at city hall.

Sian Gibson, spokesperson for event organizer Threads for Life, said they are expecting 5,000 people to take part in two walks across the country.

This Sunday is possibly Ottawa's busiest fundraising day of the year.

The biggest event this weekend is the CN Cycle for CHEO. Nearly 5,000 cyclists will be riding through downtown Ottawa to raise almost half a million dollars for pediatric cancer treatment.

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Lisa Kadosa is participating in Sunday's Steps for Life 5K fundraising and awareness walk for victims of workplace tragedy taking place at city hall. Kadosa's father was crushed to death while working at a nickel mine in Sudbury in 2006.

For years, the ride was held at the Nortel Campus in west Ottawa, but uncertainty over the future of Nortel meant it was necessary to find a new location, said CHEO Foundation spokesperson Kevin Keohane.

While cyclists ride along the Rideau Canal and the Ottawa River Parkway, 800 people will be walking for Kids Help Phone in Vincent Massey Park.

Kids Help Phone Eastern Ontario co-ordinator Morah MacDonald said they expect to raise $140,000 in Ottawa and a total of $3 million from walks taking place in more than 50 communities — the equivalent of one-quarter of the Kids Help Phone budget, said spokesperson Virginia Middleton.

In its third year, the Multifaith Housing Initiative's Tulipathon, held Sunday at Commissioners Park, is aiming to raise $15,000, said co-ordinator Penny Annand.

Campaign wants you to move 30 minutes a day

HEALTH With the warm days getting more consistent, Ottawans should get outside more, says Sue Holloway.

And the communications chair with Active Ottawa Actif isn't talking about patio season.

"We have beautiful places to be active," said Holloway. "Parks and green spaces, beaches and facilities."

With May marking Physical Activity Month in the nation's capital, Active Ottawa Actif and the city of Ottawa are launching their third annual campaign Saturday to get people moving for a minimum of 30 minutes each day.

Participants of all ages can download a chart off the city's website or pick one up from a recreation centre to log each day of activity. At the end of the month, the forms are returned for a prize draw, which includes eight bicycles.

"The majority of people don't do enough activity to be healthy," said Holloway. "They're spending too much time in front of TVs and computers and texting on their cellphones."

The city is also holding its Try It Campaign in May, Holloway said. Residents can get a free five-day pass from any City of Ottawa recreation centre.

You don't have to join something to be active, Holloway said.

"What we're promoting is a lifestyle change. Biking to work instead of taking the car, or if you drive, park further away."

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Women in business honoured

AWARDS A personal injury lawyer, the founder and president of a technology training company, and the chief financial officer for the Ottawa Senators were all honoured as the 2009 businesswomen of the year Thursday night.

Mia Hempey

Brenda Hollingsworth, a partner at the law firm Auger Hollingsworth, was named the Women's Business Network's professional businesswoman of the year. Hollingsworth is a plaintiff side personal injury lawyer and author of two books.

Mia Hempey, the president and CEO of CTE Solutions Inc., was named the entrepreneur businesswoman of the year.

Erin Crowe

Founded in 2002, the company has been profitable since its inception and under Hempey's guidance, it has become one of the largest Microsoft Learning Solution providers in the country.

The WBN also honoured Senators Sport and Entertainment CFO Erin Crowe as the corporate businesswoman of the year. Crowe was promoted to CFO last June after 13 years with the Senators organization. She is one of the first female alternate governors in the National Hockey League.

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Seatbelt campaign leads to 268 charges
Ottawa OPP officers laid 268 charges during the annual spring seatbelt campaign, which ensures that motorists are wearing their seatbelts and that children are properly restrained. METRO OTTAWA

Students rewarded for their good deeds

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They've founded organizations to raise money for those impacted by genocide, supplied impoverished countries with school supplies and started programs to encourage girls to participate in sports — all before reaching the age of majority.

Twenty Canadian students who have made a positive impact received a TD scholarship for Community Leadership at the Chateau Laurier Thursday.

In its 15th year, the awards provided the students each with a scholarship worth up to $70,000 to cover post-secondary tuition and living expenses.

"Strong community involvement has enriched my life so much already," said winner Toluwani Falaye of Calgary. Falaye created the Youth Initiative Leadership Program to equip young women with leadership skills to help them be successful.

To make a dream a reality, you have to have the right tools, said past recipient Craig Kielburger, founder of Free the Children and co-founder of the Me to We campaign. Ottawa's Shawn MacDonell, the founder of Creativision, is also a past winner.

Winners come from across Canada and include Bronté Robinson-Pike of Mill Bay, B.C., who founded a program to bring awareness to the issues of bullying and discrimination and Patrick Quinton Brown, of Whitby, who founded Operation Humanity, a web-based network of secondary school social justice and peace groups across Ontario.

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Kerry Peacock of TD Canada Trust, left, presents a TD scholarship for Community Leadership to Winnipeg resident Nadine Demko at the Chateau Laurier Thursday. Demko is one of 20 award recipients from across the country.

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Ultimate girls' day out

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WOMEN'S SHOW Dancing with the Stars and the Bachelor's Jake Pavelka, Canadian singer-songwriter Joe Taylor and Ottawa's own psychic medium Marc Jade are just a few of the celebrities making an appearance at the seventh annual National Women's Show at Lansdowne Park this weekend.

Working women, students, stay-at-home moms and retirees may lead very different lives, but they all have one thing in common, said show spokeswoman Tanya Williams.

"Women don't take enough time for themselves," she said.

The event, billed as the ultimate girls' day out, covers the spectrum of interests so that there is something for everyone, she said.

The show has 250 exhibits, as well as speakers, cooking demonstrations, mini makeovers, a fashion show, and a workshops stage where women can learn about networking for success, how to get into golfing, detoxifying your body and investing.

More than 20,000 people are expected to attend the show over two days. The show runs Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

News in brief

ELECTION Marc Favreau, a manager with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, has registered to run for council in Kanata South. The current ward councillor, Peggy Feltmate, has indicated that she will not seek re-election. Perry Simpson and Allan Hubley are already registered in Kanata South.

POLICE CRACKDOWN Ottawa police are cracking down on speeders and people running or rolling through stop signs next month. In 2008, 1,671 reportable collisions, resulting in one death, occurred at Ottawa's stop sign-controlled intersections. In the same time period, speeding resulted in 3,592 reportable collisions and nine deaths. METRO OTTAWA

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Quebec doctors and medical students fight plan to charge patients for visits

Quebec doctors and medical students have formed a coalition to oppose the provincial government's proposal to charge a $25 fee for doctor visits. The coalition, which says it represents about 75 per cent of the province's doctors, worries the fee will make health care less accessible — especially for the chronically ill and the poor. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Take a bow, Carney

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney has been named the 21st most influential person by Time magazine. "Central bankers aren't often young, good-looking and charming, but Mark Carney is all three — not to mention wicked smart," the magazine says in its latest edition. Carney has been widely credited for helping Canada weather the recession. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Do we need the G20? asks the host

Harper raises some eyebrows

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is raising questions about the value of the G20 — even as he prepares to host the group's first summit as a permanent organization.

"I think the actions of the G20 truly averted in the last year what could easily have been a worldwide depression. So that's a pretty impressive achievement," Harper told business leaders from G20 countries.

"But the G20 still has much to do ... to really prove its worth on the economic files."

Harper, who welcomes the G20 countries to Toronto in June, said global trade talks have little hope of progressing this year.

Instead, he encouraged countries to embrace "aggressive bilateral trade strategies."

The prime minister also said issues such as development for poor countries should be kept to the G8, since that's where all the donors are.

"It is a smaller group of countries that share values and perspectives and status," Harper said, contrasting the rich G8 economies to the broader and new G20 that includes emerging market economies.

Harper's remarks are likely to raise eyebrows in emerging countries, such as Korea.

"The G20 still has much to do ... to really prove its worth."
Stephen Harper

"The host of the G20 has a responsibility to lay out an ambitious agenda."
Scott Brison

It is co-hosting the G20 this year along with Canada and has said international development should be a priority.

Harper's comments taken together amount to a denunciation of multilateralism in foreign policy, said Liberal trade critic Scott Brison.

"The host of the G20 has a responsibility to lay out an ambitious agenda," Brison said.

Instead, Harper is lowering expectations and undermining the chances of the G20 of making solid progress, he said.

The G20 became a meeting of leaders only during the global financial crisis.

It held its first summit in Washington in November 2008. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Miles Davis exhibit **Jazz icon's son pays homage to his dad**

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Erin Davis, son of the late Miles Davis, poses in front of a photograph of his father at the preview of the We Want Miles: Miles Davis vs. Jazz exhibit at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts on Thursday. The exhibit, which runs until Aug. 29, is a multimedia retrospective that traces the life and career of the jazz musical icon.

Jaffer move irked feds

ALLEGATIONS Federal bureaucrats bristled at being pressured by Tory staff to meet with Rahim Jaffer and quickly review one of his business proposals, documents show.

The exchanges of emails by civil servants were among documents tabled with a Commons committee .

MPs are scrutinizing alleged illegal lobbying by Jaffer, husband of turfed cabinet minister Helena Guergis. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Test of computerized customs clearance begin at Vancouver's airport
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Andree Marion, who has a rare condition that causes one hand to mimic the actions of the other, is seen in her home Thursday in Saint Sauveur, Que. Researchers have discovered a gene that could be the cause and hopefully will provide a cure.

On the other hand

Researchers isolate gene for rare mirror movement disorder

When Andree Marion moves one hand, the other automatically mimics the motion. If she wriggles the toes on one foot, the toes on her other move too. It's not a nervous habit, at least not in the classical sense, though it does relate to her nervous system.

Marion has a condition called congenital mirror movements, an extremely rare disorder in which the brain sends mixed signals to the muscles.

And now, she and other family members also afflicted with these completely involuntary actions know why.

Montreal researchers have discovered the gene that causes the disorder, and they believe it will help them understand more about how the brain develops and how it works.

"Maybe because when I'm talking, I'm the kind of person who talks with two hands, so maybe that's why nobody noticed."
Andree Marion, mirror movement sufferer

"At first it was kind of surprising because I had that all my life, so I didn't think it was such a big deal," she said Thursday from St-Sauveur, Que.

"Maybe because when I'm talking, I'm the kind of person who talks with two hands, so maybe that's why nobody noticed.

"The person who really noticed and found it was surprising was my husband, when he first saw me brushing my teeth in the morning and the other hand was doing the same movement. He said, 'What? That's weird.'"

It turns out that 11 out of almost two-dozen members in her extended family living in and around Montreal carry the mutated gene, which is located on chromosome 18.

"My mother doesn't have it. My son has it. My daughter doesn't have it," said Marion, explaining that her 19-year-old son Xavier is not as affected as she is, but "his fingers are still sort of moving when he's doing things."

Dr. Guy Rouleau, who led the team of researchers at the University of Montreal who isolated the mutated gene, said the condition is so rare he had never even heard of it.

A fellow neurologist had mentioned in passing that he had a patient — Marion's cousin — who had been referred to him for another medical problem and he noticed the mirroring movements.

"So I said: 'Hey, this is something we should study,' and that's how it started," Rouleau said from Montreal.

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Crown withdraws murder charges on convicted man

COURT A man who spent nearly 32 years behind bars for a murder he says he did not commit wept in court Thursday as the Crown officially withdrew the charges against him and the judge issued an apology.

Romeo Phillion was convicted of second-degree murder based on a confession he gave police decades ago in connection with the death of firefighter Leopold Roy.

Romeo Phillion

After years of proclaiming his innocence, the Crown officially withdrew the charges on Phillion's 71st birthday.

"It's a special day for me — my birthday. It's the best birthday I ever got," Phillion told CTV Ottawa on Thursday.

"I had an apology from the judge, which I waited 38 years for. And my life will be positive from now on."

But the legal battle is not over for Phillion. He will continue to fight for a new trial to officially clear his name.

"I got many more years to go. I'm not going to die tomorrow. I'm going to stick around. My lawyers will take care of the rest," he said. Phillion's murder conviction was struck down by Ontario's top court in March 2009. The judge residing over the case ruled the prosecution withheld a key piece of evidence in Phillion's 1972 murder trial.

Appeal Court Justice Mike Moldaver found the Crown never told the defence that at one point investigators concluded Phillion was 200 kilometres away from the crime scene in Trenton, Ont., at the time of the murder.

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Ottawa offers $550M US loan to Michigan as part of bridge proposal

INFRASTRUCTURE The federal government is offering to lend Michigan more than half a billion dollars to speed up construction of a second bridge in the busiest trade corridor between Canada and the United States.

In a letter to Michigan's governor on Thursday, Transport Minister John Baird said environmental assessments have cleared necessary hurdles in both countries.

He said it's time to start the $5.3-billion Windsor-Detroit link, which is now before state legislators in Lansing.

Baird offered $550 million US to the financially-strapped state "for project components in Michigan that would not be funded by the public-private partnership or the United States government."

"Amongst other terms to be negotiated ... Canada would expect repayment from the anticipated toll revenues to be derived from the operation of the new bridge," Baird told Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

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News in brief

CRASH Ontario Provincial Police say charges are pending against a driver who tried to reverse his way onto Canada's busiest highway — Highway 401 — during rush hour, causing a multi-vehicle crash in southern Ontario. Police say the crash happened when a driver was reversing onto the highway after taking the wrong off-ramp. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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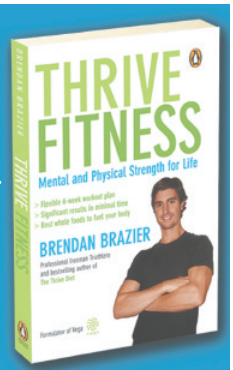

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Harper announces plans for global-security research centre

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Ottawa will finance a new centre for examining global security, based at the University of Toronto. In a speech to business leaders from G20 countries, Harper said the Centre for Global Security Studies should help world powers better understand conflict, terrorism and cyber security. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Harper digs in heels

Opposition sees implied threat in PM's confidence comment

Prime Minister Stephen Harper hinted Wednesday he was prepared to go to an election if necessary to prevent the release of all uncensored Afghan prisoner documents to the House of Commons as directed by Speaker Peter Milliken.

"It's hard to take it really any other way," NDP Leader Jack Layton told reporters after listening to what he took to be an implied threat from Harper during question period.

Harper's comments added to signals from the Conservative government that it plans to dig in its heels on the release of Afghan prisoner documents.

> **"The fact is that the government has certain obligations."**
> Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Harper told MPs the survival of his minority government always depends on the "confidence" of the House, suggesting if the opposition parties don't like what they see they can always have a vote of non-confidence and go to the voters.

Yet shortly after that, a Harper spokesman announced that preliminary negotiations with the opposition parties will begin Thursday, led by Justice Minister Rob Nicholson and Tory House Leader Jay Hill.

Dimitri Soudas said the move demonstrates the government's "spirit of openness" toward finding a compromise.

The government has seized on the part of Milliken's ruling in which he acknowledges a government has the right to prevent documents being made public if they threaten national security. But Milliken emphasized that Parliament's right to see them is supreme just the same.

"The fact is that the government has certain obligations" to protect the release of documents that might threaten national security, said Harper.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ruling forces release of dead teen's files

RULING A federal judge has ordered Canada's prison service to disclose the personal files of a teen inmate who killed herself.

Federal Court Justice Michael Kelen says the Correctional Service of Canada broke the law by failing to release Ashley Smith's records while she was still alive.

Smith was 19 when she choked herself to death with a strip of cloth at the Grand Valley Institution in Kitchener, Ont., in October 2007.

Earlier that year she had requested access to her personal prison records, authorizing their release to the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies.

Smith had alleged poor treatment by the Correctional Service, including assault, lack of psychiatric care and frequent transfers between prisons across Canada.

Prison ombudsman Howard Sapers, the correctional investigator, found she was moved 17 times in just 11 months. He harshly criticized the prison service for failing to give Smith proper care and protection.

In a ruling released Thursday, Kelen said the prison service breached the Privacy Act in not giving Smith her records, and that neither her death nor a subsequent RCMP investigation into the conduct of prison staff were valid reasons to withhold them from the Elizabeth Fry societies.

"We're pleased to have this decision," said Elizabeth Fry executive director Kim Pate. "I think it's unfortunate that we had to go to court to get it."

Pate said she's still eager to see Smith's 291-page file to glean any lessons that would help prevent similar tragedies.

The Privacy Act allows individuals to request information about them held by federal agencies.

Privacy requests are supposed to be answered within 30 days, but the prison service took a 30-day extension. Even so, it missed that deadline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto **Black on blue**

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A fire at a downtown condominium tower creates a huge cloud of black smoke near the Toronto's waterfront late Thursday afternoon. More than a dozen firefighters managed to contain the blaze on the roof of the building at Rees Street and Queen's Quay West. Paramedics transported two adults with minor injuries to hospital.

Ice cream heist leads to charges
Two Pickering, Ont., teens face robbery charges after a grocery store was robbed of ice cream treats at knifepoint. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Southern Alberta buried under snow

Storm forces closure of schools and highways

A greening southern Alberta turned white again Thursday with a wet and windy snowstorm that closed schools, shut down highways and mottled the flight board at the Calgary airport with red.

The dump of slushy, heavy snow began Wednesday and crippled travel as temperatures hovered around the freezing mark and winds gusted to 90 kilometres an hour.

Hills and highway ramps were particularly dicey. A highway into the Cypress Hills in the southeast corner of the province was reduced to one lane because of a snowslide.

At one point, there were so many crashes on the main route between Calgary and Edmonton that it was closed to allow emergency crews to work.

The RCMP recommended drivers stay off the roads.

Power was out in many communities south of Red Deer because of high winds. As soon as crews managed to solve one problem, another would appear. In Calgary, utility provider Enmax said as many as 47,000 customers were without electricity at some point during the day.

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Tavin Morrison shovels a pathway to a storm sewer in Raymond, Alta., on Thursday. Classes were cancelled and the town was left without electrical power after heavy wet snow and a northwest wind gusting at 90 km/h hit southern Alberta

At the Calgary airport, many flights were cancelled and many more weren't running on time.

Airport spokeswoman Jody Moseley said flights were getting in and out throughout the day and most of the cancellations were due to scheduling decisions being made preemptively by the airlines.

"You know Calgary gets snow 12 months out of the year and (the airport) has the best equipment and some of the best staff to keep the runways clear," she said.

"Calgarians are very aware of the weather situation and are prepared when they come."

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Mothers who need to give up babies now have a place to go

OUTREACH A Vancouver hospital is offering safe haven for mothers who want to anonymously give up their infants.

St. Paul's Hospital, the city's downtown core, will kick off its "Angel's Cradle" program next week.

Providence Health Care, which runs the hospital, said infant abandonment is a fact of life and this initiative provides options for troubled mothers.

Starting May 3, moms will be able to leave their infant inside a bassinet in the emergency department. The cradle is equipped with a sensory alarm that lets hospital staff know 30 seconds after a baby is placed inside.

The Vancouver Police Department has agreed not to seek charges or pursue the mother. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Firefighters get pet-size gear

FIREFIGHTING Dogs, cats and even turtles will be able to breathe easier now that Toronto firefighters are including pet oxygen masks among their tools when tackling a fire.

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Manitoba man charged after blaze burns down a bridge

A 32-year-old man is facing a charge under Manitoba's Wildfires Act after a blaze burned down a bridge south of Winnipeg. Morden RCMP and fire crews were called to the blaze at the North Shannon Creek Bridge, south of Highway 23, in the rural municipality of Roland. The Mounties say a grass fire spread to the bridge. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Khadr relents after 'humiliation' at Gitmo

Omar Khadr attended his war-crimes hearings Thursday after the judge in the case warned he would be brought to the Guantanamo Bay courtroom by force if he persisted in refusing to go.

The hearings were stalled for several hours after Khadr refused to attend on the grounds authorities were trying to "humiliate" him by making him wear black-out goggles and earmuffs for the ride in a windowless van from his cells.

After Col. Patrick Parrish told Khadr's lawyers to let him know he would be brought to court by force, Khadr relented — although he complained of severe pain in his eyes.

The hearings proceeded after lunch with prosecutors showing a video of Khadr working with an improvised explosive device.

The pretrial hearings are to determine whether self-incriminating statements he gave can be used as evidence for a trial that is supposed to start in July.

The defence maintains the statements were given after torture or abuse. The prosecution denies Khadr was mistreated.

This is the first hearing since January last year, when U.S. President Barack Obama promised to shutter Guantanamo Bay and end the widely condemned stop military commission process.

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A fighter at 15?

- The Toronto-born Khadr is accused of killing an American soldier during a battle with U.S. forces in Afghanistan in July 2002. At the time, he was 15.

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Landry swipes at ex-protegé Bernier

POLITICS Maxime Bernier was an avowed supporter of Quebec independence, says a former boss who's now disappointed to see his old protegé taking shots at his home province.

Ex-Parti Québécois premier Bernard Landry says he's "flabbergasted" by some of the things Bernier has been saying lately.

Bernier has quickly become a darling of the Conservative party grassroots with his criticism of climate-change science, and of Quebec's social-welfare model.

There are even whispers that Bernier — who served for two years in Stephen Harper's cabinet — might be positioning himself for a run someday at the leadership of the federal party.

"To work in my office you had to be independandiste, which he said he was," Landry said.

"I believed him and I still believe him."

Bernier, in a speech this month, accused Quebec of being overly reliant on federal equalization money and argued that "many people in the rest of the country perceive Quebecers to be a bunch of spoiled children."

In a saucy tell-all written by Julie Couillard, the ex-girlfriend at the centre of a scandal that ended his time in cabinet, Bernier is portrayed as thinking of independence as "inevitable."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

DRAMA At least 20 cars were damaged Wednesday night when a hotel parking lot floor collapsed in Kingston. A section of the concrete floor collapsed into the basement and some cars slipped down into the crater left behind by the collapse. The Confederation Place hotel was evacuated. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Compensation for Kuwait victims

A United Nations panel has approved $590 million US in compensation payments for victims of Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. The UN Compensation Commission says the money will go to five companies and four government or international bodies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Taliban boss may be alive after all

Pakistan and U.S. intelligence wrongly reported the death of the head of the Pakistani Taliban in a CIA drone strike and the brash, ruthless commander is now believed to be alive, Pakistani spies said Thursday in an apparent propaganda coup for the insurgents. The reports that Hakimullah Mehsud, left, survived the January missile attack in an area close to the Afghan border will raise questions about the quality of the intelligence being gathered in the region. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Disastrous spill reaches Gulf coast

U.S. government now involved as oil spill much worse than originally thought

An oil spill that threatened to eclipse even the Exxon Valdez disaster spread out of control and started washing ashore along the U.S. Gulf Coast Thursday night as fishermen rushed to scoop up shrimp and crews spread floating barriers around marshes.

The spill was bigger than imagined — five times more than first estimated — and closer. Fingers of oily sheen were reaching the Mississippi River delta, lapping the Louisiana shoreline in long, thin lines.

"It is of grave concern," David Kennedy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told The Associated Press. "I am frightened. This is a very, very big thing. And the efforts that are going to be required to do anything about it, especially if it continues on, are just mind-boggling." The oil slick could become the nation's worst environmental disaster in decades, threatening hundreds of species of fish, birds and other wildlife along the Gulf Coast, one of the world's richest seafood grounds, teeming with shrimp, oysters and other marine life. Oil was thickening in waters south and east of the Mississippi delta about five miles offshore.

The leak from the ocean floor proved to be far bigger than initially reported, contributing to a growing sense among many in Louisiana that the government failed them again, just as it did during Hurricane Katrina. U.S. President Barack Obama dispatched Cabinet officials to deal with the crisis.

The Coast Guard worked with BP, which operated the oil rig that exploded and sank last week, to deploy floating booms, skimmers and chemical dispersants, and set controlled fires to burn the oil off the water's surface.

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Disaster could affect drilling plans

- The Obama administration says the massive oil spill in the Gulf Coast will be considered in a planned expansion of offshore drilling and will become part of the debate on climate change in the U.S. Congress.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Thursday that the cause of the oil rig explosion, still not determined, could affect what areas the government would open for future drilling.

Rowdy politicians may face charges

KIEV Ukrainian prosecutors said Thursday they are considering filing charges against parliament members who hurled eggs and set off smoke bombs in the chamber as lawmakers ratified a controversial agreement with Russia.

The parliament speaker was bombarded with eggs and deputies brawled Tuesday before a vote ratifying an agreement to extend the Russian navy's lease of a Ukrainian port by 25 years.

Kiev city prosecutors said Thursday that those who caused the disorder could face charges of hooliganism, which carry a sentence of up to four years in jail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Medical pot user will abide by law

NEW JERSEY A multiple sclerosis patient slapped with a five-year prison sentence for growing marijuana, which he said was for medical purposes, says he'll just say no to the drug until it becomes legal in New Jersey this summer. John Wilson was freed from Southern State Prison on $15,000 bail Thursday. Earlier this week, a court ruled he could be released while he appeals his drug conviction. As he left prison, the 37-year-old was more concerned with getting a shave and a haircut than a dose of marijuana. New Jersey lawmakers have adopted a medical marijuana law set to take effect Aug. 1. "Whenever they open the program, I would register and abide by the law," Wilson said. "You know what I mean."

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Another school knife attack in China

RAMPAGE The screams of the four-year-olds inside the kindergarten could be heard out in the street.

When people ran in to investigate, they found what one witness said was a scene "too horrible to imagine" — blood everywhere as a knife-wielding man slashed 28 children, two teachers and a security guard Thursday in the second such school attack in China in two days.

Experts called it a copycat rampage triggered by similar incidents Wednesday and last month. They said the wave of school attacks falls amid poor care for the mentally unstable and growing feelings of social injustice in the fast-changing country. Thursday's attack left five students hospitalized in critical condition in the eastern city of Taixing, said Zhu Guiming, a local official.

The official Xinhua News Agency identified the attacker as Xu Yuyuan, a 47-year-old unemployed man using a 20-centimetre knife. No motive was given.

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Lebanon **Man murdered, body put on display**

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Lebanese women react at the hanging body of Egyptian Mohammed Msallem after he was stabbed to death in Ketermaya village Thursday. Officials say angry villagers stabbed the man to death and hung his body on a pole over his alleged murder of four people from the same family. Msallem was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of shooting two children aged 7 and 9 and their two grandparents.

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Madagascar's rival political factions are discussing a deal hammered out by international negotiators that calls for new elections on the Indian Ocean island nation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Belgium bans burqa in public

Belgium's lower house of parliament on Thursday banned burqa-type Islamic dress in public, but the measure faces a challenge in the Senate which will delay early enactment of the law.

Christian Democrats and Liberals in the Senate questioned the phrasing of the law, which holds no one can appear in public "with the face fully or partly covered so as to render them no longer recognizable."

Following the fall of Premier Yves Leterme's government April 22, Belgium faces early elections that may delay passage of the Belgian anti-burqa ban — Europe's first — by several months. Both houses of parliament must approve the bill. Approval in the lower house was almost unanimous. Like elsewhere in Europe, Belgium struggles with anxieties that visible signs of Islam erode national identity and that women in traditional conservative Islamic dress, such as the burqa, the chador and the niqab, signal a refusal to assimilate in western society.

The law's author, Daniel Bacquelaine, a Liberal, said a burqa is incompatible with basic security as everyone in public must be recognizable and clashes with the principles of an emancipated society that respects the rights of all. Burqa-type Islamic dress that fully covers a woman and most or all of her face is not common in Europe. In January, Denmark's centre-right government called the burqa and the niqab out of step with Danish values. It held off on a ban after finding that only two or three women in Denmark, a nation of 5.5 million people, wear burqas and perhaps 200 wear niqabs. In France, a nation of 65 million people, the government estimates 1,900 women cover their faces with niqabs, a scarf that exposes only the eyes, or sitars, a filmy veiled cloth thrown over the head to cover the entire face.

France banned Muslim head scarves as well as Jewish skullcaps and Christian crosses from schools in 2004. President Nicolas Sarkozy says the burqa "is not welcome" in France, but questions have been raised about the constitutionality of a ban.

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Law takes national aim

- Last year, the city of Brussels fined only 29 women — down from 33 in 2008 — for wearing a burqa-type dress. In Belgium, local rules ban the burqa, but enforcement is spotty and the new law would outlaw it on a national level.

Released women demand apology

MEXICO Two native women freed by Mexico's Supreme Court for lack of evidence after spending almost four years in prison on kidnapping charges demanded a public apology Thursday. Otomi Indians Alberta Alcantara Juan and Teresa Gonzalez Cornelio, whose case drew international outrage, said that if Mexico wants to repair the damage done, the very least that officials should do is recognize and acknowledge the mistake. "There's no way to pay for our lost time," Gonzalez said at a news conference.

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Women to be serving on U.S. subs by 2012

GEORGIA The first U.S. women allowed to serve aboard submarines will be reporting for duty by 2012, the Navy said Thursday as the military ordered an end to one of its few remaining gender barriers.

The cramped quarters and scant privacy aboard submarines, combined with long tours of up to 90 days at sea, kept them off-limits to female sailors for 16 years after the Navy began allowing women to serve on all its surface ships in 1994.

There were some protests, particularly from wives of sub sailors, after the military began formulating a plan last fall. But it received no objections from Congress after U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates notified lawmakers in mid-February that the Navy intended to lift the ban. The deadline for Congress to intervene passed at midnight Wednesday.

Women are currently allowed to serve on subs in a few countries, including Canada, Australia, Norway, Spain and Sweden. Rear Adm. Barry Bruner, who led the Navy's task force on integrating women onto submarines, brushed aside questions from reporters about the potential for sexual misconduct or unexpected pregnancies among a coed crew. "We're going to look back on this four or five years from now, shrug our shoulders and say, 'What was everybody worrying about?'" said Bruner, the top sub commander at Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base in coastal Georgia, where the announcement was made.

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Judge pleads guilty to racketeering charge

One of two former Pennsylvania judges accused of taking millions of dollars in kickbacks to send youth offenders to private profit-making detention facilities has agreed to plead guilty to a federal racketeering charge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brown goes for broke

British PM hopes final TV debate will revive election hopes

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown went for broke in the final TV debate on the economy Thursday, drawing on his vast treasury experience and banking on a political miracle after an embarrassing campaign gaffe.

Slumped in the polls, Brown wasted no time in his last-ditch performance before the May 6 election — using his opening remarks to neutralize Wednesday's gaffe with a smart quip.

Brown had forgotten to turn off his microphone Wednesday after a Labour voter asked about an influx of Eastern European immigrants. After the conversation ended, Brown was heard muttering "bigoted woman" and blaming aides.

"There is a lot to this job, and as you saw yesterday — I don't get all of it right," Brown said, referring to his gaffe. "But I do know how to run the economy in good times and in bad."

The first-ever U.S.-styled debates have spurred an unexpected transformation in Britain's politics and shaped the election, one of the closest in decades.

GARETH FULLER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS POOL

Prime Minister Gordon Brown, right, Conservative leader David Cameron, left, and Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg shake hands Thursday after their third televised debate.

Months ago, the Conservatives' David Cameron was favoured as the winner but he was eclipsed after the first domestic debate when Nick Clegg, leader of the perennially third-placed Liberal Democrats, stole the show.

Cameron rebounded in the second showdown, on foreign policy, but has so far failed to win enough support to claim an outright majority in Parliament. Brown has consistently trailed behind the two, but hoped to win on the economy. He has the most economic experience of the three, was treasury chief for a decade, and presided over much of Britain's recent growth.

But Britain faces mammoth economic troubles in the coming years with the one of the largest deficits in Europe — a 152.84 billion pound ($235.9 billion) sum racked up during the global financial crisis.

An unforgiving 18-month recession has led 1.3 million people to be laid off, while 50,000 families have lost their homes. Whoever wins the vote, it seems inevitable the country will feel the harshest cuts to public services since the Second World War. Taxes, meanwhile, are sure to rise and recovery measures could be stalled with a hung parliament.

All three main parties have been reluctant to say what they plan to cut — answers that could lose votes.

The showdown was the most combative yet, with Brown and Cameron repeatedly trading blows over other's policies on tax, and potential cuts to welfare.

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Arizona immigrant law illegal: Critics

UPROAR An Arizona police officer and a Latino group filed the first legal challenges of Arizona's sweeping new law cracking down on illegal immigration Thursday.

Fifteen-year Tucson police veteran Martin Escobar argues there's no way for officers to confirm people's immigration status without impeding investigations. The lawsuit, filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Tucson, alleges the new immigration law violates numerous constitutional rights and could hinder police investigations in Hispanic-prevalent areas.

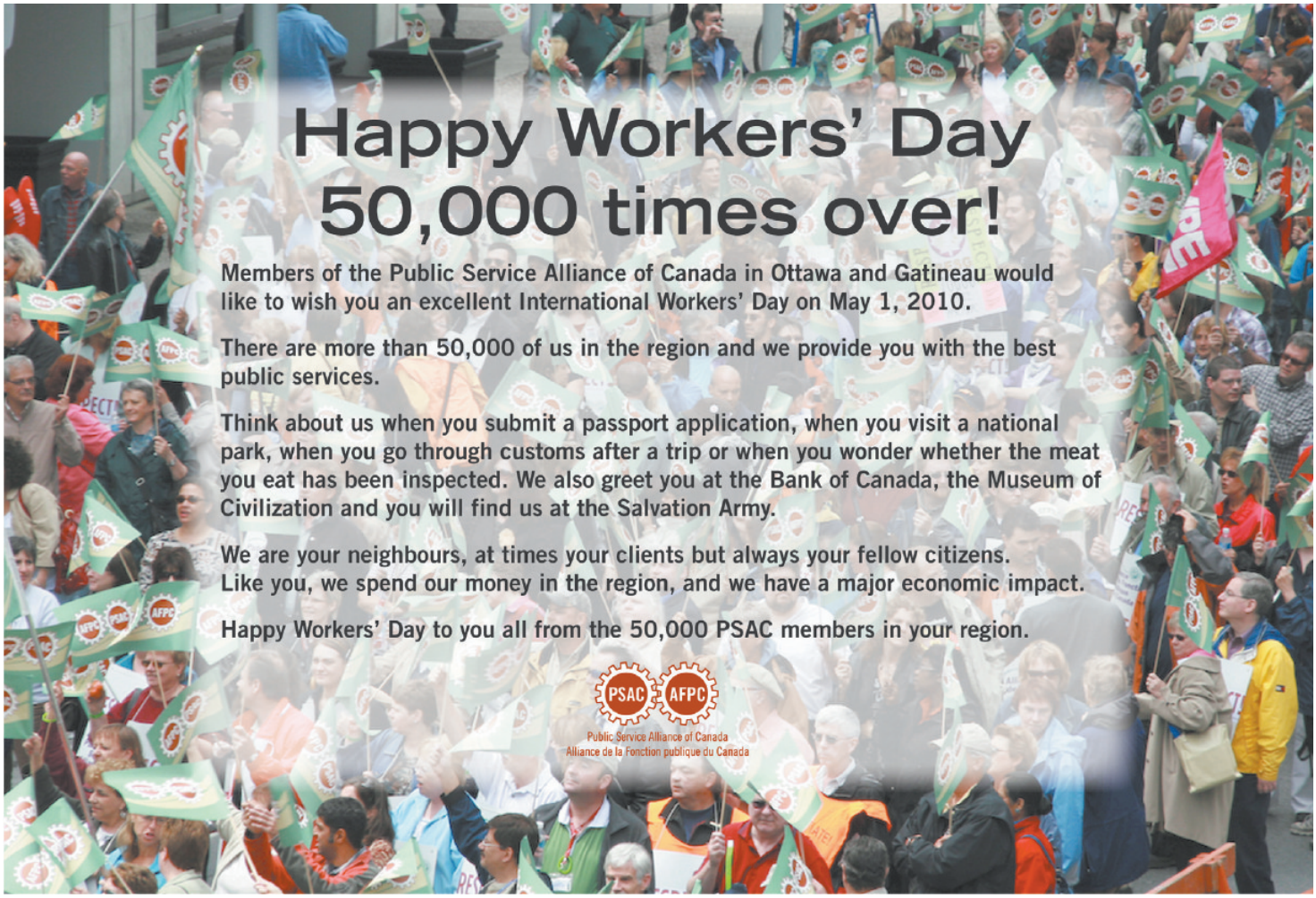
A Latino Clergy group also sued Thursday in federal court in Phoenix. The National Coalition of Latino Clergy and Christian Leaders will seek an injunction preventing authorities from enforcing the law.

The group argues federal law pre-empts state regulation of national borders, and that Arizona's law violates due process rights by letting police detain suspected illegal immigrants before they're convicted.

Signed last week by Republican Gov. Jan Brewer, the law requires local and state law enforcement to question people about their immigration status if there's reason to suspect they're in the country illegally. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

COLLAPSE One miner was dead and rescuers were unable to contact another who was missing after a roof collapsed in a large underground coal mine in Kentucky that had a history of safety violations, officials said. United Mine Workers officials say two other miners escaped. The Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing has issued 31 orders to close sections of the mine or to shut down equipment because of safety violations since January 2009. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Warrant out for anti-whaling activist

Japanese reports say the country's coast guard has obtained an arrest warrant for the leader of the Sea Shepherd environmentalist group for interfering with Japan's annual whale hunt. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. committed to Israel security: Clinton

The Obama administration warned Iran and Syria on Thursday that America's commitment to Israel's security is unshakable, and they should understand the consequences of threats to the Jewish state.

In a speech, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Syrian transfers of increasingly sophisticated weaponry including rockets to militants in southern Lebanon and Gaza could spark new conflict in the Middle East.

"These threats to Israel's security are real, they are growing, and they must be addressed," she said in the speech to the American Jewish Committee.

> **"These threats to Israel's security are real, they are growing, and they must be addressed."**
> U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

Clinton said Israel is "confronting some of the toughest challenges in her history," particularly from Iran, Syria and groups they support like Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in the Gaza Strip, and reaffirmed U.S. determination to get them to change course.

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Giant pot stash found in shipment of melons

DRUGS Arizona authorities say men from New York and Canada have been arrested after more than 500 pounds of marijuana was found in their big rig among pallets of watermelon.

An Arizona Department of Public Safety patrol officer stopped a commercial tractor pulling a trailer Tuesday morning on Interstate 17 just north of Cordes Junction.

Officials say the rig was pulled over for equipment violations.

Authorities say a search of the trailer turned up 506 pounds of marijuana wrapped in wallpaper.

The DPS says the driver was 25-year-old Norvin Ennis of Springfield Gardens, N.Y., and the co-driver was 30-year-old Kevin Akeal Henry of Brampton, Ont.

Both men have been booked into the Yavapai County Jail on charges of possession and transportation of narcotic drugs for sale.

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Nine children removed from Cleveland home

ABUSE Police say an eight-year-old boy has been found hog-tied with duct tape and tied to a coffee table in a Cleveland home as his mother slept. They've removed nine children from the home.

Officers received a call before dawn Thursday from a 15-year-old boy, who said his mother makes his sister tie his brother up every night or she gets beaten. They say they found the younger boy on the floor with his hands and feet bound behind his back with tape and a shoelace around his neck. The mother and a man were taken into custody; no charges have been filed.

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Ex-foundation head gets jail time for obstructing justice

Farshid Jahedi, former president of the Alavi Foundation that U.S. prosecutors say has provided services to the Iranian government has been sentenced in New York City to three months in prison for obstructing justice and fined $3,000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Seven weeks of demonstrations and turmoil in Thailand have turned parts of Bangkok into a "lawless protest camp," with police unable or unwilling to crack down on dissident leaders.

'Beyond imagination'

Renegade Maj. Gen. Khattiya Sawasdipol helped construct the barricades paralyzing downtown Bangkok, has been accused of creating a paramilitary force among anti-government protesters, and has vowed to battle his own army if it should launch a crackdown.

His actions have made him a fugitive from justice, yet he wanders freely in the streets of the Thai capital, signing autographs just metres from security forces keeping watch over the protesters.

Seven weeks into a stalemate that has turned parts of the city into a lawless protest camp, many are wondering why the government seems unable or unwilling to restore order.

"Red Shirt" protest leaders with arrest warrants on their heads lead demonstrations through the streets, sympathizers have set up roadblocks outside the city to stop police reinforcements from entering and no one in the government, police or military has publicly articulated a plan as to how to resolve the crisis.

"It's out of control. It's beyond imagination," said Siripan Nogsuan Sawasdee, a political scientist at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University.

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Brazil mom gets to keep son for now

ABDUCTION Brazil's top appeals court says a boy must stay with his Brazilian mother and not his American father until a final ruling is made in their international abduction case.

Kelvin Birotte of Houston, Texas, has been fighting to regain custody of his four-year-old son. The boy was taken by his mother — Hilma Aparecida Caldeira, a former Olympic volleyball player — to her native Brazil in 2006. She then divorced Birotte.

A court last week ordered Caldeira to hand the boy over by Thursday, basing its ruling on the Hague Convention on International Child Abduction.

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News in brief

CHARGED Michael and Nanette Craver, a Pennsylvania couple charged in the beating death of the seven-year-old son they adopted from Russia will remain behind bars in York County Prison until their trial. They will next appear in court in June. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Harvard reacts to racially charged email

Harvard Law School's dean has denounced a private email from a student editor of the Harvard Law Review suggesting blacks could be genetically inferior to whites.

Dean Martha Minow said Thursday in a letter to students, faculty and staff that the sending of the email was a "sad and unfortunate incident." She says the school is "committed to preventing degradation of any individual or group."

The Boston Globe attributed the email to a third-year law student, who had sent it to friends. The email circulated on the Internet this week.

The student is listed among dozens of editors of the Harvard Law Review, a journal of legal scholarship published by an independent student organization. She has told the Harvard Black Law Students Association she's "deeply sorry for the pain caused" by the email. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.K. man arrested in the Dominican

DRUGS Authorities in the Dominican Republic say they have charged a British man with running a marijuana farm near several trendy beach towns.

The National Drug Control agency alleges Avil Freedman was arrested while watering 185 marijuana plants in a rural patch on the Caribbean nation's popular north coast.

Agency spokesman Roberto Lebron said Thursday that he had notified the British Embassy of Freedman's arrest.

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Woman's headscarf lawsuit thrown out

ISLAM A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit against a county judge who was accused of violating a woman's right to practice her religion when he told her to remove her Muslim headscarf.

U.S. District Judge Marianne Battani says no offence was intended.

Battani says Raneen Albaghdady never protested and quickly complied when she was told to remove her scarf in Wayne County Circuit Court last summer.

In her decision Thursday, Battani said Judge William Callahan would have allowed the woman to wear the scarf if he had known it had religious significance. Callahan doesn't allow hats.

Battani says a courtroom video does not show that Albaghdady was intimidated by the judge.

Her lawyer, Nabih Ayad, says the case should have gone to trial.

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The underpass and the underclass

UrbanCompass

The Alliance to End Homelessness this month released its sixth annual report on Ottawa, and by almost every measure, the problem is worse.

Ottawa's homeless, according to the report, number 7,445 (up from last year's 7,045). This includes 1,317 children (up from 1,179). The average emergency shelter stay was 57 days (up from 51).

Our solution? Two years ago, the NCC cut down trees in Confederation Park where people were taking shelter. This winter, Hartman's grocery store removed the piano and free seating area in its foyer, which had become an indoor gathering spot, and public benches were removed at Cooper and Bank after local businesses complained about unsightly loiterers.

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The Rideau underpass is another front in this battle over public space. The underpass itself is butt ugly, with pedestrians sent troll-like under the bridge to make room for traffic. But it provides shelter and became a popular place for those with nowhere else to go.

In 2006, a young homeless man, Steven Beriault, was stabbed to death there. A metal fence now cuts off access to the area under the street where the homeless used to sleep at night. Last spring, it became the city's first public area put under 24-hour video surveillance.

The Downtown Rideau Business Improvement Area was given control of the underpass, and it has made efforts to make it more attractive to tourists, staging art displays and playing piped-in music on speakers.

This encroachment has been met with some resentment from the underpass's longtime inhabitants. Last spring, for example, a busker was charged with mischief for allegedly cutting the wires on the speakers.

BIA executive director Peggy DuCharme, who launched an art exhibition in the underpass this week, expressed a desire to share the space rather than conquer it.

"We're not trying to stop people from doing anything down here," she told me. "We're not here 24/7. When we're not doing our managed programming there's lots of times of day for other people to have access to this space, too, but certainly the cameras are a part of that to help add to the safety and minimize the vandalism."

A dishevelled, noticeably unshowered man came up to the coffee and cookies set out for the art launch and asked, "Are these free?"

The BIA staffers cheerfully told him to help himself. That was neighbourly, and perhaps a start.

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Worth mentioning

Name change can influence your career

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

Attention brides: Trading the Miss for Mrs. may be romantic, but think twice before taking your husband's name. It will harm your career, warn researchers.

According to a study, published in the current issue of Basic and Applied Social Psychology, women using their husbands' last name are also judged as more dependent and less ambitious than women who keep their maiden name — but are also seen as more kind and caring.

More alarmingly, members of the Mrs. League earn approximately $1,500 less per month.

"But it's very difficult to explain the income gap," said researcher Dr. Marret Noordewier. "It can also be that women who take their husbands' names earn less money because they're different anyway."

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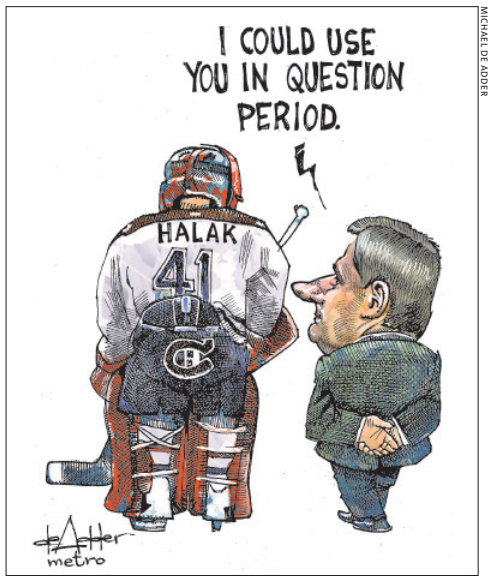
What about Angela Krasner? Though divorced and remarried, the German chancellor uses her first husband's name, Merkel. And after a brief post-wedding attempt at remaining Hillary Rodham, Hillary is now known as Mrs. Clinton.

Women with less stature using their husbands' last name don't fare as well. According to psychologists at the Tilburg Institute for Behavioral Economics Research in the Netherlands, women who take their husband's name, or use hyphenated names, are seen as less intelligent and less competent than women who keep their maiden name.

"Changing your name isn't always negative," Noordewier said.

"But if people have limited information about you, this is how they'll judge you."

Armed with these findings, Noordewier's team surveyed Dutch university students' attitudes to name change and received a surprise: 81 per of male students wanted their future wives to change their names — and 83 per cent of female students planned to do so.



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Greek crisis could slow recovery

ECONOMY The Greek crisis has the potential to derail the global recovery and hurt Canada's economy, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney says.

The central bank governor called the sovereign debt crisis in Greece and other southern European countries a "serious situation" for both the world and Canada.

Testifying before the Senate banking committee Thursday, Carney says Greece's problems could spill over and cause a slowdown in the global economy as markets demand governments rein in their deficits. "The net result of this would be negative for growth in Canada," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Steve Snyder, right, president and CEO of TransAlta, chats with company chair Donna Soble Kaufman during the company's annual general meeting in Calgary Thursday.

Business in brief

ENERGY The head of Imperial Oil says increasing activity in the oilsands is threatening to bring with it a return to higher costs. Speaking to reporters at the company's annual meeting in Calgary, CEO Bruce March says costs for oilsands developers have stopped dropping and are now starting to firm up. He says the biggest difference so far is in bulk materials like steel. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Higher interest rates not needed yet: CIBC

CIBC is casting doubts on the Bank of Canada's analysis of the country's economic performance, suggesting it may be overestimating the potential threat from inflation and is too ready to begin raising interest rates — particularly since the dollar is high and government spending is on the decline.

CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld says in an analysis that the central bank's dependence on the output gap — the amount of unused capacity in the economy — may be an unreliable indicator of inflationary pressures.

Shenfeld adds that the output gap is a notoriously difficult indicator to measure accurately.

"The IMF (International Monetary Fund) judges Canada's gap as more than half a per cent wider than the Bank of Canada estimate," he writes.

"That doesn't sound like much, but it would make a material difference in how hard we need to slam on the brakes through interest rate hikes in the coming year."

Last week, central bank governor Mark Carney sent a strong signal to the markets that he is preparing to raise interest rates, possibly as early as the next announcement date of June 1.

In a separate report, CIBC economist Peter Buchanan says that Canada's corporate sector may be in a strong position to withstand higher rates but remains at risk from a stronger dollar. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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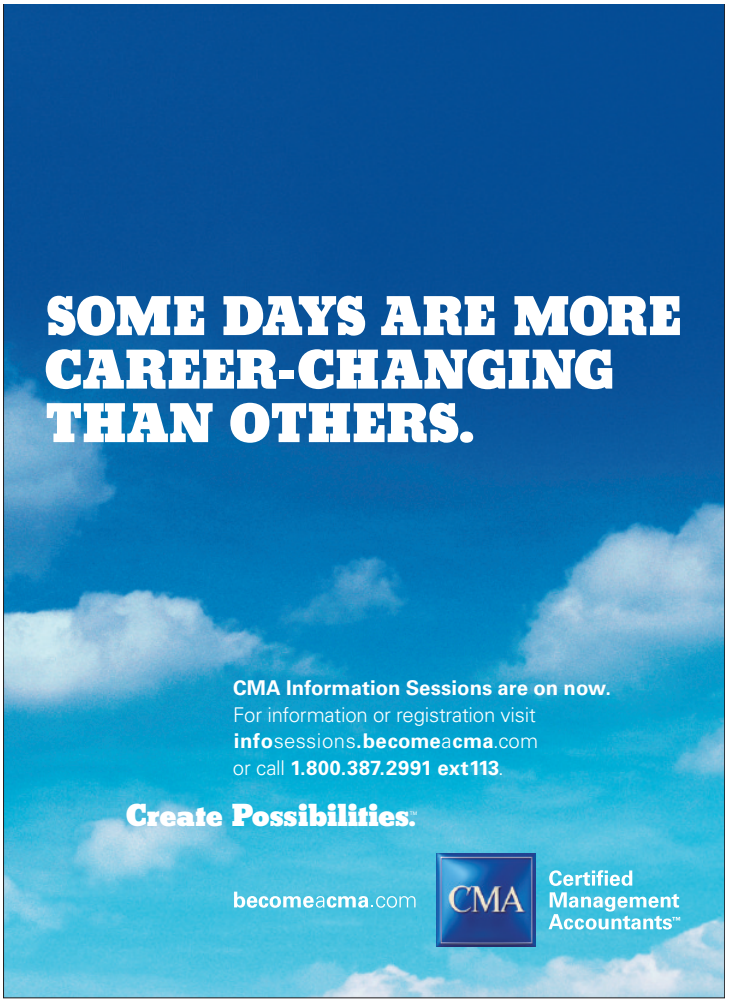

Capital lends a hand

After his team's wheels came off in the NHL playoffs, Washington Capitals forward Brooks Laich helped a stranded motorist by changing her car's flat tire. Driving following Washington's 2-1 home loss to the Montreal Canadiens, Laich pulled over when he saw the stopped car and got out to lend a hand, the Washington Post's website reported Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Evans top NBA rookie

Sacramento point guard Tyreke Evans, left, beat out Golden State's Stephen Curry and Milwaukee's Brandon Jennings to win the NBA Rookie of the Year award. Evans received the honour Thursday after becoming the fourth rookie ever to average at least 20 points, five rebounds and five assists per game. He joined an illustrious club that includes Oscar Robertson, Michael Jordan and LeBron James. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sky not falling on Jays

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RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto Blue Jays catcher John Buck is congratulated by teammates Lyle Overbay and Travis Snider after hitting a three-run homer on Thursday. Buck had three home runs as the Jays beat Oakland 6-3.

On April 2, 1997, my crew and I hit the second game of the Jays season at the then-SkyDome. We avoided the opener the night before because we knew off-season acquisition Roger Clemens wouldn't be starting. With all due respect to Pat Hentgen, we wanted to see the Rocket. Attendance that night was 31,310 — almost 10,000 less than opening night. Clemens pitched a gem, en route to a Cy Young season. But what I noticed most that night was the shortage of fans.

Thirteen years later, 31,000 would be a huge crowd at the Rogers Centre. Going into Thursday's game against Oakland, the Jays were averaging about half that per game at home. The drop in attendance is nothing new — it hasn't been the same since the Joe Carter home run.

This year, however, it has taken on an alarming tone, considering a historical big draw like Boston couldn't bring in more than 16,000 per game recently.

But while some claim the sky is falling, I'm still of the clichéd belief that if a team wins (over the course of a season, not two months), fans will show up. The problem is, the Jays can't win. They can't contend in the AL East, and hoping for a fluke one-off like the 2008 Rays won't instil much fan commitment. They are stuck in a cavernous stadium that was state-of-the-art for 15 minutes, and was later purchased for fruit rind by their parent company. As long as Rogers wants to invest in this Bills thing, there won't be any baseball-friendly renos either.

And this year, the Jays traded away the greatest pitcher in franchise history for unproven players. Was anybody really expecting sellouts every night?

In my perfect world, they'd build a privately-financed ballpark across Polson Street from the Docks and the team would move to the AL Central. In my perfect world, I would also be a ninja fighter pilot. Face it: Toronto is a lousy sports town. After the Leafs, we are splintered into groups.

Could the Jays be sold and moved? To where? Vegas? Charlotte? Options aren't plentiful and those that exist aren't necessarily ideal markets for Major League Baseball. Toronto is not the only city with this issue. How'd you like to be a Royals fan?

John Chick is a copy editor at Metro and veteran sports journalist.

Well-rested Crosby set to take on Habs

NHL In three months' time, Sidney Crosby has won an Olympic gold medal with an overtime goal and returned the Pittsburgh Penguins to an enviable position in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

A gifted player previously known as a playmaker first and a scorer second tied for his first NHL goal-scoring championship.

He also is one of three finalists for the Hart Trophy, an award he's already won once.

What he hasn't done is take much time off. Until now.

When his Pittsburgh Penguins open their Eastern Conference semifinal series against surprising Montreal on Friday night, Crosby will be coming off a six-day break. It's the most time off he's enjoyed since training camp began in September, or three months to the day since the Penguins won the Stanley Cup.

Considering he's played 38 games, counting the Olympics, during the past two months, it must seem like a month off.

Considering the Penguins will play their 300th game in three seasons in Game 4 against the Canadians, it's the kind of break Crosby may not see again until the playoffs end.

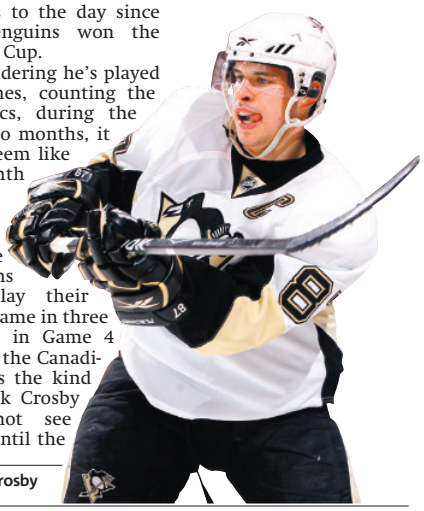
So what did he do during his much-needed time off?

He practised, of course.

"It was good. I don't think anybody was complaining about it," Crosby said Thursday.

"It's great to get practice time, I really like to practice and work on skills and go over details. When you get to the playoffs, that's so important, the details of the game."

Practising for 60-plus minutes isn't the same as playing a 100 minutes-plus game, as the Penguins did in losing Game 5 of their first-round series against Ottawa. The Penguins came back to win Game 6 and give Crosby some of the time off he's wanted since the demanding and fatiguing two-week Olympic tournament. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Smyth to play in IIHF Championship

Captain Canada is heading back to the IIHF World Hockey Championship. Ryan Smyth was one of four players added to the Canadian team by general manager Mark Messier on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Woods off to slow start at Quail Hollow

GOLF The cheering was loud and enthusiastic when Tiger Woods stepped to the tee on a chilly morning, another sign that perhaps people are more interested in his golf than what kept him away for so long.

About the only thing that bothered Woods Thursday was the few moments of applause after his introduction at Quail Hollow. He went seven tee shots without hitting a fairway. He hit into the water on consecutive holes, the first one leading to double bogey. And right when it looked as if he might limit the damage, Woods flew the green at No. 9 on his final hole for one last bogey.

Woods wound up with a 2-over 74, ending his streak of 21 consecutive rounds at par or better dating to last September. It was his worst opening round at a regular PGA Tour event since he shot 75 at The Players Championship three years ago.

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Home ice looking nice

Bruins are now the 2nd-highest remaining seed in Eastern playoffs

The Boston Bruins lost 10 straight games in one miserable stretch. They even lost 10 in a row at home. They didn't clinch a playoff berth until their next to last game.

And now?

The sixth-seeded team in the East has home-ice advantage in the conference semifinals.

"To be in the second round, maybe there is a little surprise to the people," captain Zdeno Chara said Thursday, "but I still think that this team believes in what we have and what we can accomplish."

They made their regular-season playoff run with star playmaker Marc Savard sidelined for the last 18 games with a concussion. They eliminated the Buffalo Sabres in six games in the opening round even though leading goal scorer Marco Sturm didn't get a single point. And they advanced without two injured solid defencemen, Dennis Seidenberg and Mark Stuart.

So what turned the club that scored the second-fewest goals in the regular season into the second-highest remaining seed in the topsy-turvy Eastern playoffs?

"It was just a process through the whole year that we had to work on being more committed every night and being more desperate every night," said 42-year-old Mark Recchi, who won Stanley Cup championships with Pittsburgh in 1991 and Carolina in 2006. "We went through a lot of stuff and the guys started to figure it out. If you play hard every night and you compete hard every night we're a pretty good team."

Michael Ryder dropped from 27 goals last season to 18, but picked up his play down the stretch.

"We played with desperation and showed a lot of emotion," he said. "When you play like that, your game starts to turn around."

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Boston Bruins defenceman Zdeno Chara celebrates after a 4-3 victory over the Buffalo Sabres in Game 6 of their first-round playoff series in Boston Monday.

Nadal, Djokovic advance

TENNIS Rafael Nadal improved his record at the Rome Masters to 24-1 with a methodical 6-3, 6-2 win Thursday against 39th-ranked Victor Hanescu.

The four-time winner in Rome saved all five break points late in the match, including one when he was serving for the match.

He set up match point with a long rally that included a rush to the net and back to the baseline to chase down a lob with an over-the-shoulder shot, finally setting up a volley winner into the open court.

Nadal closed it with an overhead smash on his first match point.

"I played with less intensity after 4-1 and it's impossible to play with less intensity at this level," Nadal said.

He will face Stanislas Wawrinka.

Second-ranked Novak Djokovic defeated Thomaz Bellucci 6-4, 6-4, and will meet Fernando Verdasco in the quarter-finals.

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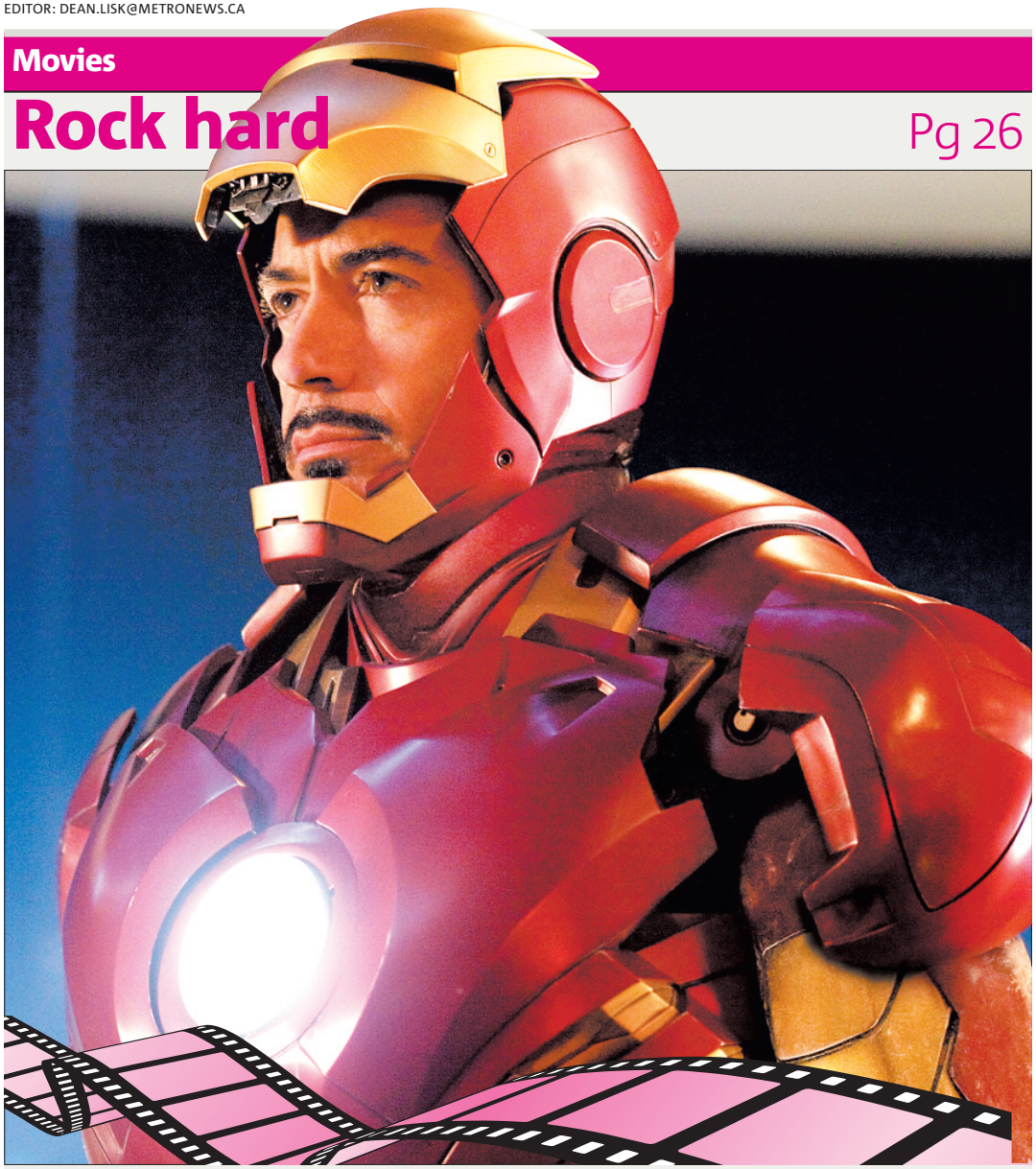

Robert Downey Jr. straps in for another ride as Iron Man, a.k.a. Tony Stark, in the blockbuster sequel Iron Man 2.

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Robert Downey Jr.'s dons the superhero suit again for Iron Man 2.

Behind Iron mask

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Thanks to the Eyjafjallajokull volcano in Iceland, which grounded flights around Europe, Robert Downey Jr. finds himself in California to promote Iron Man 2 instead of London, where the movie's junket was supposed to take place.

But the actor refuses to feel too inconvenienced.

"I love the idea of someone taking the volcano personally," he tells Metro. "I know that would be a very Hollywood actor ego thing to do. But I didn't. I'm too psychologically well, I'm afraid."

Psychologically well is a state the star has been enjoying lately, as his career resurgence that took off two years ago with the first Iron Man continues unabated.

His time on the outs with Hollywood, after a lengthy and well-publicized battle with addiction and multiple arrests, appears to be behind him, and as successful as he's been, Downey tries to keep things in perspective.

"I'm dressed up for a press junket about a superhero. It's a cosmic joke," he says. "I think it's funny. It's very lucrative — as funny as lucrative things get."

Still, as funny as Downey may find it, he takes his work seriously, turning in standout performances in everything he's headlined since his resurgence.

"I really know what I'm doing. I think I've demonstrated that," he says. And with two major franchises — Iron Man and Sherlock Holmes — under his care, Downey insists that size matters.

"I can get excited about anything — this microphone, for example. If it's novel and feels good and becomes creatively sticky, I power through it," he says.

"I just really need a big box to play in, or I'm not happy."

The latest Iron Man chapter gave Downey a chance to share that big box with another Hollywood comeback story in Mickey Rourke, who steps in as villain Whiplash.

"He has a lot of power. He is a very emotive guy who's lived a lot of life," Another new face in the cast this time around is Scarlett Johansson, as Tony Stark's mysterious new assistant.

Though a love triangle between their characters and Gwyneth Paltrow's Pepper Potts may have seemed a natural choice, Downey insists it would've been a mistake.

"When we started working together, because it's new, people were all saying, 'You have so much chemistry,'" he says. "First of all, it's not age-appropriate. Secondly, Tony's love interest is Pepper. Third, she's not there for that, she's there to misdirect the story. She's more a family member you don't know yet."

Iron Man 2 opens next Friday

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Max Manus brings heroes to life

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

FEATURE Epic in scope but personal in detail, Max Manus is a Norwegian war movie that puts many Hollywood blockbusters to shame.

The film is a biopic of the titular Max Manus, an undercover saboteur in Norway during the Second World War. Max and his close circle of friends fought valiantly against the Nazis during the German occupation and while Max was the only one to come out of the war alive, they are all considered heroes in their native land.

A film about Max's journey took a surprising 65 years to make it to screens, but finally arrived in an intelligent and action packed period piece that set box office records in Norway in 2008. The movie is finally coming to Canadian screens this Friday.

The project was a labour of love for co-directors Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg, who were anxious to make their movie quickly while a few of the historical figures were still alive.

"We were able to talk to war veterans and Max's widow Tikken, which helped us immensely," said Sandberg. "The most nervous we ever felt during the entire project was on the day that we screened the film for her. She was just thrilled and said that it took her right back to that time. That was an exciting day because we knew it meant that we had something."

Max Manus tells the story of the Norwegian resistance during the Second World War.

Filled with huge crowd scenes, battle sequences, and extraordinary period detail, the project required a blockbuster budget to pull off, but the directors were surprisingly able to make the film with a fraction of a Hollywood budget.

"It costs about the same to make a film in Norway as it costs in Hollywood and Max Manus only had a budget of around $10 million. This is why you don't normally make these kinds of movies in Scandinavia," joked Ronning.

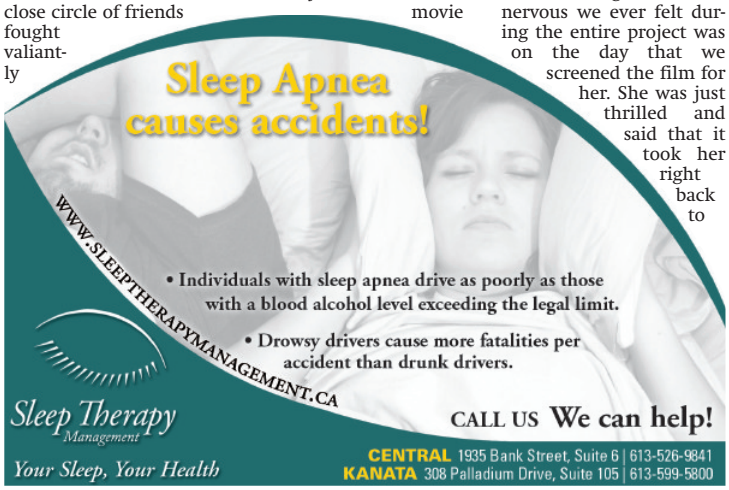
"The only way we could do it was to shoot in half the time and with 1/10th of the crew that you'd get in America.

"It's another kind of filmmaking, but thanks to computer technology we were able to channel a lot of the budget into the post-production and make that epic film that we were dreaming of. I don't think we could have done it even five or six years ago."

A critical and box office success wherever it has played, Max Manus is a career highlight for Ronning and Sandberg. The pair are currently being courted by Hollywood studios, which is a long ways away from their humble beginnings in Norway.

"We've known each other now for 27 years and started making shorts films on video in elementary school," recalled Ronning.

"We work together very naturally."



Lee readies Life of Pi in 3-D
Ang Lee has revealed that he is working on a Hollywood version of Yann Martel's novel Life of Pi. The Brokeback Mountain director has pitched "a 3-D magical fantasy adventure, crammed with visual effects" to he studios. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Reel Time

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A Nightmare on failure Street

A Nightmare on **Elm Street**

Director: Sam Bayer
Stars: Jackie Earle Haley, Rooney Mara
Classification: 18A
Rating: ●

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Rooney Mara plays Nancy — a teen tormented by Freddy Krueger in her dreams — in the remake of A Nightmare on Elm Street.

The brilliance of Wes Craven's original A Nightmare on Elm Street was that it took the already tired '80s trend of stalk and slash "dead teenager" films (as Roger Ebert would call them) and completely threw it off its axis, combing nubile damsel-in-distress cliches with abstract, anything goes surrealist/expressionist dream logic.

The film is a classic, and rightfully so. Sam Bayer's mammoth budgeted remake is not. In fact it ain't much of anything.

Recycling not only the plot but most of the original's set pieces, NOES 2010 stars a gaggle of vacant, pretty teens who battle sleep deprivation in order to evade the nightmare infiltrating, razor-gloved wrath of a scar tissue coated boogeyman named Freddy Krueger (Watchman's Jackie Earle Haley). We know they're sleep deprived because the lads have perfectly manicured stubble and ruffled shocks of hair while the ladies sport snazzy junkie-chic designer makeovers. Like in the original, said catalogue casualties get butchered in their dreams and then explode into hamburger in real life as well. It's up to doe-eyed Nancy (Rooney Mara, who at least shows some semblance of life) and her histrionic emo pal Quentin (Kyle Gallner) to get to the bottom of the mystery before the entire neighborhood falls prey to the stink end of Freddy's fingers.

Produced by Michael Bay's franchise plundering Platinum Dunes imprint, A Nightmare on Elm Street makes Bay's last horror hack job Friday The 13th look like Double Indemnity. This is truly a shrug of a film that aims to duplicate the tone of the original while tinkering with virtually every aspect of it that made it work.

Haley is poorly used and lacks enough menace for the role of a homicidal, undead child molester; every time he's on screen, you'll find yourself pining for Robert Englund.

Director Bayer fails to exploit the liquid possibilities of the dream landscape, the script is non-existent, the actors have little to do but run and scream and the entire reason for Freddy's existence is so watery and weak that it barely registers.

This is a film designed by suits in boardrooms, with charts and graphs and contempt for their audiences.

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Studio working on new Commando

20th Century Fox is going Commando again. Deadline reports that the studio has recruited Training Day writer/Street Kings director David Ayer to draw on his military background for a new take on the 1985 favourite. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Gunless as flat as Prairies

Gunless

Director: William Phillips
Stars: Paul Gross, Sienna Guillory
Classification: PG
Rating: 🌐🌐½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

There's one thing you have to say about what is perhaps this country's very first theatrically-released contemporary comic western – it doesn't take itself seriously.

On the other hand, Gunless isn't entirely hilarious either which leaves the film a bit in the lurch. Instead, this Paul Gross-vehicle is one movie that sputters and stalls.

I reckon there's too much dust in the carburetor.

Gross (Passchendaele) plays the wanted Montana Kid — an American outlaw who suddenly shows up disoriented in the fictional Canuck town of Barclay's Brush where he immediately challenges a blacksmith to a gunfight.

Paul Gross stars as an American outlaw on Canadian soil in the western-themed comedy Gunless.

The only problem: There are no working pistols in Barclay's Brush. While The Kid bides his time waiting for the necessary repairs to an old sidearm, he soon warms up to the peace-loving locals — most notably Jane (Sienna Guillory of Inkheart), a tough-talking settler who rejects his gun-toting ways.

While writer/director William Phillips certainly accomplishes the task of touching upon the necessary iconography of the Wild West and delivering an authentic-looking duster (it helped that the film was shot in Canada's most arid region — Osoyoos, B.C.), the film suffers from a conventionalized, modest story and an eye-rolling intentness on painting a Canadian portrait which, in this type of maple syrup-infused adventure, comes off slightly hokey.

A genre that's been around as long as film itself, nobody should expect a western to be avant garde. But it does need to excite moviegoers and in this case, the unique comic spin of an American gunslinger lost in Canada is almost as flat as the rolling prairies.

• For a trailer of Gunless, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies.

Vengeance children's comedy done wrong

Furry Vengeance

Director: Roger Kumble
Stars: Brendan Fraser, Brooke Shields, Ken Jeong
Classification: G
Rating: 🌐

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Furry Vengeance is exactly what's wrong with most comedies aimed at children.

It's difficult to say whether the movie started with a screenplay or a checklist of every overused example of slapstick comedy in the books. Presumably the filmmakers thought that if they geared their movie at a young enough audience they'd be lucky enough to find viewers who hadn't seen these jokes thousands of times before and might able to trick them into laughing. That's probably true, but it's unfair to let children think that this passes for comedy.

The film stars Brendan Fraser as a father who uproots his wife (Brooke Shields) and son to take them to a woodland community where he will oversee the decimation of the forest in favour of strip malls and suburbs.

Somehow the animals find out and set about torturing Fraser to stop the development. Cue an endless series of pratfalls, potty jokes, and grown men getting hit in the groin.

Fraser can't be criticized for a lack of energy as he plays every joke like it's genius and commits to countless physical gags that must have lead to injury. Unfortunately, he just doesn't get many laughs.

Most of the screen time is dedicated to countless woodland creatures and their cartoony CGI equivalents. If you have children young enough to be susceptible to this sort of simplistic comedy, please steer them away. You'll only encourage this type of filmmaking to continue.

• For a trailer of Furry Vengeance, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies.

A scene from The Perfect Game.

Game's got heart

The Perfect **Game**

Director: William Dear
Stars: Clifton Collin Jr., Cheech Marin, Emilie De Ravin
Classification: PG
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

The Perfect Game is an unashamedly corny movie that crams in practically every sports movie cliché into a tight running time.

However, it's also a surprisingly warm and touching film that works thanks to an inspiring central story and an impressive cast.

Toronto-born director William Dear (Harry And The Hendersons) tells the tale of the 1957 Mexican little league baseball team that was so poor they walked across the border to their first game, but ended up winning the championship. The director mixes in genuine newsreel footage of the actual team whenever possible, which is a nice touch. If the footage wasn't there, it would be difficult to believe this actually happened.

The film opens in a depressed industrial Mexican community. The children run around with nothing to do when they aren't following the Brooklyn Dodgers on the radio with an almost religious devotion.

Cheech Marin plays the local priest (yep, that Cheech and he's quite good as well) who decides to start up a baseball team to give the kids something to do. He soon enlists the coaching duties of a local ne'er do well who left the St. Luis Cardinals minor league system due racism (played by the perpetually underrated Clifton Collins Jr. in a rare lead role). He turns the children into a talented team and then … well you know the rest. As the title suggests, the 1957 Little League World Series ends with the only perfect game ever pitched in that setting.

At times the film can be slowed down by a number of unwieldy subplots including Caesar's unnecessary love interest and a hotshot reporter covering the team, but never enough to derail the main storyline.

This a very simple story filled with plenty of drippy sentimentality and scenes with child actors shamelessly mugging for the camera. However, the movie is also incredibly sweet, undeniably inspiring, and its heart is in the right place. Any child with a love of baseball is guaranteed to enjoy it.

Movie **morsels**

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo

REVIEW The highly touted Swedish murder mystery drama The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo comes highly recommended. Based on the posthumously published novel by Swedish mystery writer Stieg Larsson, director Niels Arden Oplev's powerful and very faithful film adaptation stars Michael Nyqvist as shamed investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist and a mysterious tattooed, pierced tomboy punk girl is following him. She's Lisbeth (Noomi Rapace), the dragon inked girl of the title. After a wealthy patriarch hires Blomkvist to uncover who in his family murdered his beloved, long dead niece, she becomes the scribe's partner, in more ways than one.

Chris Alexander/For Metro Canada

Hot Tub Time Machine

REVIEW As you might have guessed from the title, Hot Tub Time Machine is a stupid comedy, but fortunately it's a self-aware stupid comedy that mines laughs out of how ridiculous it all is. No movie with that title should work, but this is a surprisingly funny little crowd pleaser. John Cusack, Rob Corddry, and Craig Robinson star as a group of middle-aged friends whose lives peaked in the '80s with a trip to a ski lodge. After a particularly bad week involving new ex-wives, infidelity, and a suicide attempt, they decide to return to the lodge (along with a young tag played by Clark Duke), only to discover a dilapidated town offering as much promise as their unfortunate lives. Fortunately, spilling an illegal energy drink on their hot tub (don't ask) sends them back to an '80s ski comedy complete with bad hair, cheesy music, and evil jocks obsessed with Red Dawn.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

How To Train Your Dragon

REVIEW Adapted from Cressida Cowell's children's novels, How To Train Your Dragon tells a simple story about a wimpy, young Viking named Hiccup (Canuck actor Jay Baruchel) who just can't live up to the expectations of his macho father (Gerard Butler). In fact, even when he sets out to slay a wounded dragon and gain his rightful place of honour, he instead makes a fire-breathing friend in the formidable beast. Meticulously crafted, Dragon's dark themes and the 3-D animation of battle sequences are stunning.

Steve Gow/For Metro Canada

Screen Times

This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

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OTTAWA

BYTOWNE CINEMA
325 Rideau St., 613-789-3456

City Island (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat 7 Sun 12:45-8:30 Mon 6:50 Tue 9:20
The Counterfeiters (14A) Mon 9:05 Tue 4:35
Fish Tank (18A) Fri 6:55 Sat 4:25-9:15 Sun 3 Mon 4:15 Tue-Wed 6:45 Thu 9:20
Greenberg (18A) Thu 4:45
The Messenger (14A) Wed 4:30-9:20 Thu 7:05
A Single Man (PG) Fri 4:45
The White Ribbon (14A) Sat 1:30 Sun 5:35

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE
240 McLeod St., 613-566-4700

No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri-Thu

CENTRETOWN MOVIES
Dundonald Park, 512 Somerset St. W., 613-232-1534, centretownmovies.org

Listings not available at press time.

COLISEUM OTTAWA
3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:25-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:35
Date Night (14A) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:35-7:35-10:10 Mon 3:35-10:20 Tue-Wed 4:35-7:35-10:10 Thu 4:35-10:10
Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:50-7:50-10:15 Mon-Tue 4:50-7:50-10:15 Wed-Thu 8:10-10:20
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:40-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:05-9:45
Gunless (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Wed 3:40-6:40-9:40 Thu 3:40-6:40-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:30-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:10
Iron Man 2 (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:45 Sat 6:45-9:45 Sun 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:45
The Last Song (PG) Fri 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:50 Sat 7:10-9:50 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:50
The Losers (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:10-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:30-10
The Metropolitan Opera: Armida (STC) Sat 1
The Metropolitan Opera: Turandot Encore (STC) Mon 6:30
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 2-4:45-7:20-9:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:45-7:20-9:55
Oceans (G) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15-9:30

EMPIRE 7 CINEMAS
111 Albert St., 3rd Floor, World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri 3:35-6:35-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:35-6:35-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:35-9:10
Date Night (14A) Fri 3:55-6:55-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:55-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:55-9:30
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:15
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:05 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:30-6:30-9:05 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:05
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 4-8 Sat-Sun 12:30-4-8 Mon-Thu 4-8
Gunless (PG) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:20
Last Train Home (STC) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:25

MAYFAIR THEATRE
1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403, mayfair-movie.com

At Home by Myself ... With You (STC) Sun 7
Emanuelle Around the World (STC) Sat 11
GoodFellas (R) Tue 9
Mean Streets (STC) Tue 7
The Misfortunates (18A) Fri-Sun 9:15 Wed-Thu 9:15
Parenthood (STC) Sat 3 Sun 1
Peacock King (STC) Fri 11
Poor No More (STC) Thu 7
The Secret of Kells (STC) Sat 1 Sun 3:30
A Single Man (PG) Fri-Sat 7 Mon 7 Wed 7
The Warriors (STC) Mon 9:15

OTTAWA FAMILY CINEMA
710 Broadview Ave., 613-722-8218, familycinema.ca

No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri Sun-Thu
Tom Thumb (STC) Sat 2

RAINBOW CINEMAS
St. Laurent Centre, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd., 613-688-0850

Avatar (PG) Fri-Thu 9:50-7:30
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Wed 10:40-1-3:05-5:10-7:15 Thu 10:40-3:05-5:10-7:15 Thu 1
Chloe (18A) Fri-Thu 9:20
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-6:40-9
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 12:20-4:40-9:05
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 10:10-2:25-6:50
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:10
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-2:35-4:35
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5:15

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 3:45-6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 1-3:45-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:30-9:10
The Losers (PG) No Passes Fri 4-6:45-9 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:45-9 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-6:45-9
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) No Passes Fri 4:15-7-9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:20

SOUTH KEYS
2214 Bank St., 613-736-1115

The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri-Thu 10:55-1:40-4:30-7:15-9:55
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 10:30-1:05-3:50-7:20-9:55
Date Night (14A) Fri 11-1:10-3:20-7:30-9:50 Sat 7:30-9:50 Sun-Thu 11-1:10-3:20-7:30-9:50
Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri-Thu 11:15-1:50-4:15-6:45-9:30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) Fri-Sun 10:50-1:20-6:30 Mon 10:50-1:20 Tue-Thu 10:50-1:20-6:30
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri-Thu 10:40-1-3:15-6:25-9
Gunless (PG) Fri-Thu 10:15-12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 11:05-1:35-4:20-7:10-9:50
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 10:25-1:15-4:05-7:05-9:45 Sat 7:05-9:45 Sun-Thu 10:25-1:15-4:05-7:05-9:45
The Last Song (PG) Fri-Thu 3:35-9:35
The Losers (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:50-3:55-6:55-9:25
The Metropolitan Opera: Armida (STC) Sat 1
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:45-1:25-4:10-7:25-10
Oceans (G) Fri-Thu 11:10-1:30-4:25-7-9:15

GATINEAU

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION
100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

Avatar 3D (G) Fri 8:45 Sat 6:30 Sun 5 Thu 9
Requins 3D (STC) Fri-Sat 1-4 Sun 10-1-4 Mon 1-4-7 Tue 1-4 Wed-Thu 1-4-7

The Losers is in theatres now.

Sharks 3D (STC) Fri 10-11-12-2-3-5 Sat 9:55-11-12-2-3-5 Sun 11-12-2-3 Mon 10-11-12-3-5-8 Tue 10-11-12-3-5-7-8 Wed 10-11-12-3-5-8 Thu 11-12-2-3-5-8
U2 3D (STC) Fri 7 Sat 9:30 Mon-Wed 9

CINÉMA DES GALERIES D'AYLMER
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne, 819-248-2526

Dragons 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1-3:20
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:10-6:50-9:10 Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-3:10-6:50-9:10 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:10
Gainsbourg (G) Tue 1-3:40 Wed-Thu 7
Iron Man 2 (STC) Thu 12:01
Le Journal d'Aurélie Laflamme (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-3-6:50-9 Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-3-6:50-9 Wed-Thu 6:50-9
Kick-Ass (13+) Fri-Sun 7-9:20 Mon 7 Tue 7-9:20 Wed-Thu 9:40
A Nightmare on Elm Street (13+) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:30

CINÉ-STARZ
1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

Alvin et les Chipmunks: La suite (G) Fri-Mon 12-2:05-3:40
Avatar (G) Fri-Mon 1:35-6:20 Tue-Thu 1:40-6:10
Le Chasseur de Primes (G) Fri-Mon 4:25-9:10 Tue-Thu 12:4-10-8:20
La fée des dents (G) Fri-Mon 12-1:50-3:40 Tue-Thu 12-6:30
Gainsbourg (G) Fri-Mon 7:05-9:25 Tue-Thu 1:50-4:10-8:20
Journal d'un Dégonflé (G) Fri-Mon 12-1:40-5:25 Tue-Thu 2-4:30
L'Ecrivain Fantôme (G) Fri-Mon 5:15-7:30-9:40 Tue-Thu 1:55-6:05-9
Oscar et la Dame Rose (G) Fri-Mon 3:20-9:20 Tue-Thu 2-3:50-7:40-9:30
Percy Jackson et les Olypiens: Le Voleur de foudre (G) Fri-Mon 12-5:10-7:15 Tue-Thu 12-5:40

GATINEAU 9
120 boul. de l'Hôpital, 819-568-6070

La Dernière Chanson (G) Fri-Sat 7-9:30 Sun 1:10-3:40-7-9:30 Mon 7-9:30 Tue 1:10-3:40-7-9:30 Wed-Thu 7-9:30
Dragons 3D (G) Fri 7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-7:15-9:45 Mon 7:15-9:45 Tue 1-3:30-7:15-9:45 Wed-Thu 7:15-9:45
Les Griffes de la Nuit (13+) No Passes Fri 7:05-9:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-2:15-4:30-7:05-9:15 No Passes Mon 7:05-9:15 No Passes Tue 12-2:15-4:30-7:05-9:15 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:05-9:15
Le Journal d'Aurélie Laflamme (G) Fri 6:30-9 Sat-Sun 12:30-3-6:30-9 Mon 6:30-9 Tue 12:30-3-6:30-9 Wed-Thu 6:30-9
The Losers (G) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:35-6:50-9:35 Mon 6:50-9:35 Tue 12:50-3:35-6:50-9:35 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:35
The Metropolitan Opera: Armida (STC) Sat 1
Millenium 3: La Reine Dans le Palais des Courants d'Airs (13+) Fri 6:20-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:15-6:20-9:10 Mon 6:20-9:10 Tue 12:20-3:15-6:20-9:10 Wed-Thu 6:20-9:10
Océans (G) Fri 7:10-9:05 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:20-4:20-7:10-9:05 Mon 7:10-9:05 Tue 12:10-2:20-4:20-7:10-9:05 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:05
Petite Vengeance Poilue (G) Fri 7:20-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:50-7:20-9:40 Mon 7:20-9:40 Tue 1:20-3:50-7:20-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:40
Le Plan B (G) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:10-6:40-9:20 Mon 6:40-9:20 Tue 12:40-3:10-6:40-9:20 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:20

STARCITÉ HULL
115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090, cinemasfortune.ca

Alice in Wonderland (G) Fri-Thu 1-7
The Back-up Plan (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:55-5:25-7:45-10:20
The Bounty Hunter (G) Fri-Thu 3:45-10:10
Clash of the Titans 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:15-6:35-9:10
Date Night (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:40-5:05-7:15-9:30
Death at a Funeral (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:50-5:10-7:35-10:25
Dragons (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:35-5:7:30-10
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri-Wed 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:05-9:20 Thu 2:30-4:45-7:05-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 12:15
Les Griffes de la Nuit (13+) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:45-5:15-7:40-10:15
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:2:25-4:50-7:20-9:55
Iron Man 2 (STC) No Passes Thu 12:05 No Passes Thu 12:05
Le Journal d'Aurélie Laflamme (G) Fri-Wed 11:45-12:45-2:20-3:20-4:55-6:50-7:25-9:25-10:05 Thu 11:45-2:20-3:20-4:55-6:50-7:25-9:25-10:05 Thu 12:45
Kick-Ass (13+) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:25-6:55-10
The Last Song (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:30-7-9:40
The Losers (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-6:45-9:35
Millenium 3: La Reine Dans le Palais des Courants d'Airs (13+) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:35-6:40-9:45
A Nightmare on Elm Street (13+) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:50-2:15-4:40-7:10-9:50

BARRHAVEN

BARRHAVEN CINEMAS
131 Riocan Dr., 613-825-2463

The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri 7:20-10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:30
Date Night (14A) Fri-Sat 7-9:50 Sun 1:10-4:20-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:10
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri 7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-4:7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:20-8 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Gunless (PG) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri 6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 5-7:40
The Losers (PG) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:50
The Metropolitan Opera: Armida (STC) Sat 1
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) No Passes Fri 7:30-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6-8:40

GLOUCESTER

SILVERCITY
2385 City Park Dr., 613-688-8800

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri 1:20-4:35-7:35-10:15 Sat 7:35-10:15 Sun 4:35-7:35-10:15 Mon 1:20-4:35-10:15 Tue-Thu 1:20-4:35-7:35-10:15
The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:45-6:30-9:15
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:10-10:10
Date Night (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:10-6:35-8:50
Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:05-7:45-10:20
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:15-6:20-9
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 12:30-4:40-8:30 Sat 12:30-8:30 Sun-Thu 12:30-4:40-8:30
Gunless (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Wed 3:40-6:40-9:40 Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 12:35-3:30-7:30-10 Wed 12:35-3:30-10 Thu 12:35-3:30-7:30-10
How to Train Your Dragon: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:15-7-9:30 Thu 1:30-4:15-7
Iron Man 2 (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01
Iron Man 2: The IMAX Experience (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01
Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (G) Sun 1
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4-6:45-9:25
The Last Song (PG) Fri 1:10-3:50-7:05-9:45 Sat 3:50-7:05-9:45 Sun-Thu 1:10-3:50-7:05-9:45
The Losers (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-6:50-9:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Armida (STC) Sat 1
The Metropolitan Opera: Turandot Encore (STC) Mon 6:30
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-1:35-3:25-4:45-6:15-7:20-8:45-10:05
Oceans (G) Fri-Tue 12:25-2:45-5:7:25-9:50 Wed 4:20-7:25-9:50 Thu 12:25-2:45-5:7:25-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

KANATA

KANATA 24
801 Earl Grey Dr., 613-599-1200

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 11:20-5-10:20 Mon-Wed 5-10:20 Thu 5
The Back-up Plan (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:55-1:1:40-1:40-2:25-4:15-5-7-7:55-9:30-10:25 Mon-Wed 2:25-4:15-5-7-7:55-9:30-10:25 Thu 2:25-4:15-7-9:30
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Wed 2:20-7:45 Thu 2:20
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Sun 11-1:45-5-7:35-10:15 Mon-Thu 5-7:35-10:15
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sat 11:15-1:55-4:30-7:05-9:45 Special Engagement Sun 11:15-4:30-7:05-9:45 Special Engagement Mon-Wed 4:30-7:05-9:45 Special Engagement Thu 3:30
Date Night (14A) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:20-4:40-7:15-9:35 Mon-Wed 2:20-3:20-4:40-5:35-7:15-8-9:35-10:20 Fri-Sun 11:45-2:20-4:40-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:40-7:15-9:35 Fri-Sun 10:45-11:45-1:05-2:20-3:20-4:40-5:35-7:15-8-9:35-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:40-7:15-9:35
Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri-Sun 12:25-2:45-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:10-7:40-10:10
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-1:50-4:15-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:20
Furry Vengeance (G) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:35-12:50-3:05-5:20-7:35-9:50 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 3:05-5:20-7:35-9:50
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Sun 10:40-1:40-4:35-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:35-10:25
Gunless (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:40-12:55-3:10-5:30-7:40-10:05 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 3:10-5:30-7:40-10:05
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Sun 11:25-2:05-4:50-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:20-9:55
House Full (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:30-1:25-4:20-7:15-10:10 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-10:10
How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Fri-Sun 10:50-1:35-4-6:45-9:15 Mon-Wed 4-6:45-9:15 Thu 4
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:45-7:15-9:35 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:05-4:45-7:15-9:35
Iron Man (PG) Special Engagement, Sneak Preview Thu 9
Iron Man 2 (STC) Special Engagement, Sneak Preview Thu 12
Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (G) Special Engagement Sun 2
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Sun 11-1:45-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:30
The Last Song (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:10-4:45-7:25-10:05 Mon-Wed 2:10-4:45-7:25-10:05 Thu 2:10
The Losers (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:10-1:55-4:25-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:45 Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:10-11:50-1:55-2:25-4:25-5:05-7:05-7:50-9:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:25-5:05-7:05-7:50-9:45-10:30 Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:10-1:55-4:25-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:45
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:35-11:55-12:55-2:30-3:15-4:50-5:30-7:20-7:55-10-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:30-3:15-4:50-5:30-7:20-7:55-10-10:30
Oceans (G) Special Engagement Fri 12:45-3-5:15-7:30-9:40 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:30-12:45-3-5:15-7:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 3-5:15-7:30-9:40
The Perfect Game (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:45-1:30-4:20-7:10-10:15 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10:15

Top 5 albums on the Billboard 200

1. Glee: The Music, The Power of Madonna, Glee Cast; 2. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum; 3. My World 2.0, Justin Bieber; 4. Iron Man Soundtrack, AC/DC; 5. Raymond V Raymond, Usher. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Producer Rick Rubin suggested Gogol Bordello take a more sensive approach to gypsy punk on new album Trans-Continental Hustle.

Gypsy punk anthems

Culture, romance flavour new album from Gogol Bordello

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Gogol Bordello's music covers a lot of ground, but, until recently, Brazilian sounds weren't part of their act. That changed though when Eugene Hütz, singer of the New York-based klezmer punk band moved to Rio de Janeiro. "I followed a girl," he says sheepishly, explaining why he moved to South America.

With more than six million people in Rio, the city is a far cry from Boyarka, Ukraine, where he was born, but somehow the mustachioed singer and actor fit right in. "I've always had friends there," he says in a thick Ukrainian accent. "And they think I'm an Argentinean hippie, so I'm not much of a target."

While Gogol Bordello hasn't turned into a Bossa Nova band, Hütz couldn't help but incorporate some sounds from his new home on his fourth disc, Trans-Continental Hustle.

"My good friend Manu Chao" — another cross-cultural musician who's hugely popular in Latin America — "and I travelled around Brazil and met all these musicians I used to listen to," he reveals. "I'd perform with them spontaneously and it turned out they we just as aware of Gogol Bordello as I was of their music.

"Suddenly I was at Carnival making mash-ups and guest appearances and it led me to the idea of recording this Brazilian album."

While the record definitely has some Brazilian moments — Sun is on My Side borrows its acoustic finger picking from legendary guitarist Joao Gilberto — it's a stretch to call this a Brazilian album. The disc mostly follows the same trajectory as their previous records — loud, klezmer punk tunes led by Hütz's frantic deliver and humerous lyrics.

> **"It's not only about different social and cultural experiences, but it's about life, and surviving this whole thing."**
> Eugene Hütz

While it's not as strong as 2007's Super Taranta! it's still a lot of fun; opener Pala Tute's infectious gypsy dance beat and the singer's grizzled pipes singing "girls they like the kissing as much as we do," is hard not to enjoy.

In the past Hütz has sang about the immigrant experience — coming from another country to North America and some of the challenges that followed — but this album tackles a more traditional musical theme: love. Besides being in love with the girl he chased to Brazil, Rick Rubin, the album's producer, wanted the band to focus more on their sensitive side.

"He asked us why we were neglecting our love songs," says Hütz. "He said they were actually some of our strongest material."

Hütz says they avoided making a record about romance because he though they'd be too soft for fans, but, he points out, "that was the hardest material. It was the real kicker of the album."

"I had to say something about this whole cross-continental romancing that had been going on," he adds. "And that's the whole of Trans-Continental Hustle. It's not only about different social and cultural experiences, but it's about life, and surviving this whole thing."

Dubai rock scene dry as the desert

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

metronews.ca/soundcheck

Scanning the skyline of Dubai is like watching bamboo grow. Nothing seems to be happening, but look away for a moment and it appears that all those skyscrapers under construction have grown by four floors.

As one of the most liberal areas in the Middle East, I'd expected to find a thriving rock scene. Iran, Iraq and Pakistan are quietly exporting metal bands. I've come to the desert of the UAE to drink from the waters of Western-style Arabic rock. I was misinformed.

The UAE is firmly in the thrall of pop. English-language radio features either Justin Bieber all the time or endless re-runs of '80s hits like Out of Touch by Hall and Oates.

Even buying music is difficult — not because of censorship issues, but because there's nowhere to buy it. The Dubai Mall — so big that you locate stores by latitude and longitude — has just one little music store.

The Mall of the Emirates — the one with the indoor ski hill where the temperature is kept at -3 C, even when it's 47 C outside — may have a Virgin Megastore (the only music retailer out of 466-plus shops), but its floor space is devoted to DVDs, video games, computers, Rock Band/Guitar Hero displays, musical instruments and T-shirts. The few racks of CDs are way at the back of the store. It took me ten minutes to find them.

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"Can you show me any local or regional rock?" I asked the person heading up the section.

"Here," he said, handing me a Serj Tankian CD, "Arabic rock."

"Um, no," I responded. "This guy is Armenian, lives in California and was part of an American band called System of a Down."

"No," said the clerk. "Arabic."

And so it went with him seemingly picking CDs at random and me gently explaining how he was wrong. In the end, he stumbled upon a genuine local thrash-metal band called Nervecell. We also found a compilation CD featuring a Pakistani group called The Kominas who sing a song called Sharia Law in the USA! (I later read about an alt-rock group from Abu Dhabi called Juliana Down. I couldn't find any CDs but they do have a MySpace page.)

I tried one more time at duty-free at the airport. The clerk smiled and handed me a Justin Bieber CD.

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A couple actors short of an Episode

Thomas Haden Church and Claire Forlani have dropped out of Showtime's new comedy, Episodes. The show-within-a-show comedy stars Matt LeBlanc as a parody of himself who is cast in a catastrophic U.S. remake of a hit British series. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

The wives of Jersey are back in the house

In the first episode of The Real Housewives of New Jersey sophomore season, incendiary cast member Danielle Staub hangs out with her priest, pedicurist and daughters — but not any of the soapy Bravo reality series' other housewives.

It seems the rift between Staub and her fellow leading ladies is now larger than a Garden State hairdo.

"I think in the first season, it caught me off guard," said Staub. "I thought at least one of them was truly being a friend to me, whereas as this season pans out, I realize that's not the case."

Staub adds that this season, which premieres Monday, she's "not going to be anyone's patsy. I think the world will be just as interested in me as a single person as they will be in them as a group."

Staub, a single 47-year-old mother of two daughters, continues to be on one side of the Jersey barrier opposite sisters Dina and Caroline Manzo, their sister-in-law Jacqueline Laurita and family friend Teresa Giudice, who infamously savaged a table at a restaurant in last season's finale when the women confronted Staub about her alleged criminal past.

"What's amazing to me about this second season is it's so much about family," said Andy Cohen, Bravo's senior vice-president of original programming and development who also hosts The Real Housewives reunion shows.

"Each of these women are mothers, and they all have different, intense and interesting things going on with their children this season."

The reality TV drama entered the courtroom earlier this year when Ashley Holmes, Laurita's 19-year-old daughter, was found guilty in a municipal court on one count of assault and ordered to pay a fine after Staub complained that Holmes ripped out a clump of her hair extensions during an altercation, which will apparently factor into the second season.

"It was very painful, really unexpected and much undeserved," said Staub. "Police showed up, charges were made and it was up to the state. I wasn't going to allow anyone to put their hands on me without thinking there were repercussions because I'm not garbage. I'm actually a good person who deserves to go where I want to go without people attacking me."

Staub, who was accused of being an escort and drug addict in the first season, said she will tell her side in her upcoming autobiography, The Naked Truth: The Real Story Behind the Real Housewife of New Jersey — In Her Own Words. Despite Staub's rocky relationship with her Real Housewives cast members, she'd "absolutely" sign up for a third season.

"It's not about them," said Staub. "My life is never going to be about them."

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The cast from The Real Housewives of New Jersey, left to right, Dina Manzo, Teresa Giudice, Caroline Manzo and Jacqueline Laurita, star in a new season on Bravo.

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Sam's stay in Happy Town

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Metro World News

Veteran New Zealand actor Sam Neill returns to television with Happy Town, a new mystery series that airs Wednesdays on ABC with tones of Twin Peaks.

For the eternally boyish Neill, the series is as much fun to try to figure out as it is to take part in. He talked with Metro about solving mysteries, being the senior cast member and making wine.

Q What was it about Happy Town that made you want to sign up?

A Well, I was not particularly looking for a TV show.

The first two scripts came through the door, and I thought this was such original and arresting and funny stuff, and also a character that I could really work with.

I've been offered doctors from the Bronx and cops from Miami, and I don't know what to do with those characters. But this was a character that I thought, this was fine. I like this.

Q Does the rest of the cast sort of look up to you like an elder statesman?

A The question is, am I the elderly statesman on the thing? Well, I'm certainly the oldest in the cast.

And I am surrounded by these beautiful young things, you know, which is slightly aggravating.

But they're all very nice, beautiful young things, and we all get on very well. We're having a ball, actually.

Q Your character seems like a very enigmatic, secretive presence on the show.

A Well, he's an outsider clearly. And sometimes it takes an outsider to see things with clarity. And this is a town which is a labyrinthine, and there are secrets covering secrets. It's a town that ostensibly seems idyllic, the sort of town that we all would like to live in. But, of course, every town has its past and every place has things they'd sooner forget. I don't see him as a villain, but he's certainly a man that there is a lot more to be learned about.

GETTY IMAGES

Veteran film actor Sam Neill stars in Happy Town, a new TV mystery series that is being compared to Twin Peaks.

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Crawford gives us the gossip

A career in broadcast journalism beckoned for Chase Crawford until his mum encouraged him to capitalise on his good looks and try acting.

The US star of smash hit TV show Gossip Girl is now a fully-fledged international heart-throb and rather enjoying it.

Unknown a few years ago, Chace Crawford, 24, is now a star to American teens since he plays the role of Nate Archibald in Gossip Girl. Metro met him in London.

Q Why is Gossip Girl such a hit?

A There is no miracle recipe, but I think we have gathered a lot of good ingredients — a good scenario, a good cast and a good shooting in the heart of New York City. Also, it may sound sugary, but we all get along pretty well.

Q Do you have things in common with Nate?

A I can identify with him, although he's a bit too perfect and a bit humourless. It would be good if he robbed a bank from time to time!

Q What's it like filming on the streets?

A It can be complicated in summer time with photographers all around and people stopping by to watch what's going on. It's not always easy to concentrate.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Actor Chase Crawford.

FRIDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/30/10	265	353	2	TVO	India with Sanjeev Bhaskar		Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat		A. Gregg	Film 101	Agenda-Paikin
primetime	211	331	3	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	House "Broken" (HDTV PA)				Brothers & Sisters (N)		News Hour
	209	342	6	CHRO	Degrassi: TNG	TMZ (N)	Wife Swap (N)		Wife Swap (N)		Miami Medical (N)		Comedy Now
	196	311	7	CTV	etalk	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium "Sal" (N)		The Bridge (N) (DVS)		CTV News
	208	303	8	CBC	NHL Hockey Playoffs: Teams TBA. (HDTV) (Live)						CBC News: The National		The Hour (N)
	-	360	9	NBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Who Do You Think You Are?		Dateline NBC (HDTV)				News
	-	362	13	CBS	The Insider	Judge Brown	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium "Sal" (N)		Miami Medical (N)		Two/Half Men
	216	395	14	OMN2	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition		News: Cantonese Edition		Two/Half Men	King	Cold Case
	214	344	15	CITY	Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Who Do You Think You Are?		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Warehouse 13 "Pilot"		News
	218	345	18	CHCH	*Rocky IV* ★★ (1985, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire.				*Rumble Fish* ★★ (1983, Drama) Matt Dillon, Diane Lane.				News at 11
	-	361	20	ABC	Action News	Entertainment	Wife Swap (N)		Wife Swap (N)		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		News
	-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	House "Broken" (HDTV PA)				FOX 2 News (N)		News
news	500	500	33	CNN	John King, USA (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) (N)		
sports	406	417	27	net	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Toronto Blue Jays. From Rogers Centre in Toronto.						Sportsnet Connected		Prime Time
	126	730	28	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Les Grands reportages		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	NHL Hockey						SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
family	554	544	48	TEL	Batman: Brave	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars Clo.	Futurama	King of Hill	*Pan's Labyrinth* ★★★★ (2006, Fantasy)		
	557	540	51	FAM	Sonny-Chance	Suite/Deck	*The Neverending Story II: The Next Chapter*				*Innerspace* ★★★ (1987, Comedy) Dennis Quaid.		
	551	542	65	YTV	*Material Girls* ★ (2006, Comedy-Drama) Hilary Duff.				Things I Hate	Survive This	To Be Indie	Family Biz	Prank Patrol
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal
	628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene		Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage
	616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*Ogre* (2008, Fantasy) John Schneider.				Kenny vs.	Pure Pwnage	Misfits
	520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)		Dirty Jobs		Man vs. Wild "Zambia"		Egypt Unwrapped (N)		Daily Planet
	581	566	53	MTV	After Show	After	After	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	The City	After	1 girl 5 gays
	522	506	55	HIS	Ax Men (HDTV)		Nostradamus Effect		Cities of the Underworld		Hitler and the Occult		Line of Fire
	603	561	95	FN	Ricardo	Bitchin	Road Grill	Road Grill	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners, Drive	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay

SATURDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
5/1/10	265	353	2	TVO	Ape Genius		*Running on Empty* ★★★ (1988, Drama) Christine Lahti.				The Interviews	*Before the Devil*	
primetime	211	331	3	GTV	16:9-Picture	renegade	Disappearance of the PX-15		Aboriginal Achievement Awards 2010			Legends-Lore	News Hour
	209	342	6	CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		*Comeback Season* ★★ (2006, Comedy-Drama) (DVS)				Stargate Atlantis "Sunday"		Bravo!FACT
	196	311	7	CTV	W5 (DVS)		Flashpoint		Law & Order (HDTV)		Spectacle: Elvis		CTV News
	208	303	8	CBC	NHL Hockey Playoffs: Teams TBA. (HDTV) (Live)						Movie		
	-	360	9	NBC	Medicine	Paid Program	Parenthood (HDTV)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		News
	-	362	13	CBS	Paid Program	The Insider	NCIS (HDTV)		The Mentalist (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery (N)		CSI: NY
	216	395	14	OMN2	Most Amazing	Trendy Zone	*Tactical Unit: No Way Out* (2008, Action) Simon Yam.				Once Upon a Time in Toronto		Most Amazing
	214	344	15	CITY	Cooking	Most Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	*Almost Heaven* (2006, Romance-Comedy) (DVS)				Crusoe
	218	345	18	CHCH	*Dragonfly* ★★ (2002, Suspense) Kevin Costner.				*Requiem for a Dream* ★★★ (2000, Drama) Ellen Burstyn.				News at 11
	-	361	20	ABC	Entertainment Tonight		*Meet the Fockers* ★★ (2004, Comedy) Robert De Niro.				Castle (HDTV)		News
	-	365	36	FOX	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Heath Calhoun 400. From Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va.								News
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Camp. Brown
sports	406	417	27	net	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles. (HDTV) (Live)						Saturday Night Poker		Sportsnet
	126	730	28	RDI	Journal	109 (SC)	Découverte (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages		Tellement	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Heath Calhoun 400. From Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va.								SportsCentre
family	554	544	48	TEL	*Small Soldiers* ★ (1998, Action) Kirsten Dunst, Jay Mohr.				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel
	557	540	51	FAM	Wingin' It	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*The Goonies* ★★ (1985, Adventure) Sean Astin.				*Holes*
	551	542	65	YTV	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Zixx Level	Adrenaline
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	628	584	32	SPKE	(6:30) *Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith* ★★★ (2005)					*Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace* ★★ (1999)			
	616	521	39	SHO	ReGenesis (HDTV)		*A Woman's Rage* (2008, Suspense) Brandy Ledford.				*Fool's Gold* ★ (2008, Action)		
	520	505	42	DIS	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Destroyed	Deadliest Catch		License to Drill		Ghost Lab (N)
	581	566	53	MTV	MTV Live	Movie Night	After	After	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	After
	522	506	55	HIS	Nostradamus Effect		Cities of the Underworld		*Catch Me if You Can* ★★★ (2002, Comedy-Drama)				
	603	561	95	FN	Glutton	Pitchin' In	100 Mile Challenge		Chopped		Top Chef Masters		Hell's Kitchen

SUNDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
5/2/10	265	353	2	TVO	Billy Connolly: Journey to the		Empire of the Word		*Sisters in Law* (2005, Documentary)			The View From Here	
primetime	211	331	3	GTV	Family Guy (PA) (N)		The Simpsons	Cleveland	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)				News Hour
	209	342	6	CHRO	TMZ (N)		Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Monk		Law & Order: SVU		In Fashion
	196	311	7	CTV	Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 16		Desperate Housewives		Cold Case "Shattered"		CTV News
	208	303	8	CBC	The Nature of Things		*Bon Cop, Bad Cop* (2006, Comedy) Colm Feore.				CBC News: The National		fifth estate
	-	360	9	NBC	Dateline NBC (HDTV)		Minute to Win It (N)		The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)				News
	-	362	13	CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 16		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		Cold Case "Shattered"		CSI: Miami
	216	395	14	OMN2	To Be Announced		Bollywood Boulevard (DVS)		Most Amazing	Most Amazing	Aaram	Arirang Korea	Of Blessings
	214	344	15	CITY	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Murdoch Mysteries		Survivorman		Crusoe
	218	345	18	CHCH	*Zoolander* ★★ (2001, Comedy) Ben Stiller.				*Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life* ★★ (2003, Adventure)				News at 11
	-	361	20	ABC	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News
	-	365	36	FOX	'Til Death (N)	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy (PA) (N)		FOX2 News at 10:00pm (N)		Sportsworks
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State/Union
sports	406	417	27	net	Sportsnet	Week/B'ball	MLB Baseball New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies. (HDTV) (Live)						Sportsnet
	126	730	28	RDI	Journal	Humanima	Amour, haine et propagande		Le Téléjournal	Les Coulisses du pouvoir		Regard	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	NHL Hockey						SportsCentre (HDTV)		
family	554	544	48	TEL	Spliced	Total Drama	Stoked	6TEEN	Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Futurama	Tripping-Rift
	557	540	51	FAM	Wingin' It (N)	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*The Neverending Story* (1984, Fantasy)			(10:34) *Contact*	
	551	542	65	YTV	*Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over*		To Be Indie	Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This	Zixx Level	Adrenaline
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Kirstie Alley	Kirstie Alley	Family Jewels
	628	584	32	SPKE	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Warrior
	616	521	39	SHO	Pure Pwnage	Trailer Park	*How I Married My High School Crush* (2007, Romance)				*Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber*		
	520	505	42	DIS	MythBusters		Cosmic Collisions Meteors and asteroids. (N)				MythBusters		A. Bourdain
	581	566	53	MTV	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	The Challenge: Fresh Meat II		The Challenge: Fresh Meat II		1 girl 5 gays
	522	506	55	HIS	Ice Road Truckers (HDTV)		Dogfights		*Rescue Dawn* ★★★ (2006, War) Christian Bale, Steve Zahn.				
	603	561	95	FN	Challenge		Chef Academy		Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant

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Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 True Blood minisodes

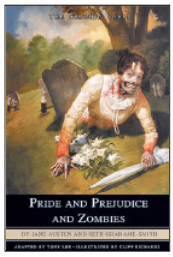
ONLINE Season three of True Blood doesn't hit the air until June, but HBO has released a minisode featuring vampires Eric and Pam interviewing potential talent for their club, Fangtasia. Entertainment Weekly reports this is the first of six teases to be released over the next few weeks.

2 Betty White

TV Like a fine wine, Betty White seems to get more endearing with age. The former Golden Girls star is set to guest host Saturday Night Live on May 8 — all thanks to a grassroots Facebook petition. There is even a new You Tube tribute video to the white-haired actress set to the classic song White Lines.

3 Pride and Prejudice and Zombies — the graphic novel

POP CULTURE Straight on the heels of Twilight's turn into a graphic novel comes this updated version of the Jane Austen classic. The book, with zombies added by Seth Grahame-Smith, has been out for a while, but now you can actually see corseted-heroine Elizabeth Bennet kick some zombie butt.

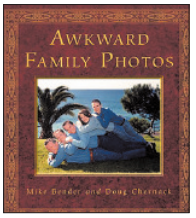


4 Iron Man 2

MOVIES Robert Downey Jr. reprises his role of Tony Stark, a.k.a. Iron Man, in this sequel to the 2008 superhero movie. Will Stark reveal the technology behind his metal alter-ego? Will Pepper Potts finally get her man? Iron Man 2 opens on May 7.

5 Awkward Family Photos

BOOK The guys behind AwkwardFamilyPhotos.com — Mike Bender and Doug Chernack — have collected some of the most humorous and horrifying family photos and put them together in this book. From matching outfits, to crazy hair and posed shots, it's all very hilarious — and chances are you will be able to spot your own family in this collection.



6 Glee – The Power of Madonna

MUSIC Glee's recent Madonna-themed episode turned out to be a ratings juggernaut for the series, and Internet gossip is already prediction the show will take another stab at the Material Girl. Until then, fans of the show can pop a new CD — featuring the cast performing seven Madonna songs — into their stereos.

7 Nine

DVD It's time to plan an Italian night; and I am not talking about a spaghetti supper. The multiple award-nominated Nine — starring Daniel Day Lewis and a bevy of beautiful women — hits stores shelves on Tuesday.

Mix of Six

Law Day 5K run/walk

When: Friday, 11:30 a.m.
Where: Festival Plaza, Ottawa City Hall

The 15th annual Law Run expects to see 400 runners and walkers, including lawyers, judges and the public raising money for the Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre Foundation, which assists children with disabilities through programs, equipment purchases and research. Late signup is on site at 11:30 a.m.

The Breast Dress Project grand opening sale

When: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: 19 Grenfell Cres., Unit 12

Get a wedding dress for less. Since launching last year, the non-profit organization has collected dozens of dresses and is selling them for half of their retail price, with all proceeds to go to cancer research.

Artists Open House

When: All Weekend
Where: Nepean Creative Arts Centre

The City of Ottawa and Stafford Studios is holding its annual reception and open house to allow people to meet professional artists, including Elisabeth Arbuckle, Jane Burnstein, Tony Clark, Michael Goodson, Ewa Kujawska and Julia Lockie in a working environment.

The Diefenbooker Classic

When: Saturday, 7:30 a.m.
Where: The Diefenbunker

An event to raise money for the Ottawa Public Library and the Diefenbunker, Canada's Cold War Museum, the 14th annual event features 5 and 10K races, 5, 18 and 33K cycle tours and a 5K walk.

Victoria Tea

When: Saturday, 2 p.m.
Where: Christ Church Cathedral, 420 Sparks St.

A civilized afternoon including a tea, a maypole dance, music by Garth Hampson and a fashion show.

Timber Timbre

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: First Baptist Church

The Ottawa Folk Festival presents critically-acclaimed, award-winning folk rock act Timber Timbre with opening act ferriswheel. Timber Timbre's album was awarded Eye Weekly's Album of the Year.

Beatles' A Day in the Life handwritten lyrics to go on sale

For the right price, some lucky Beatlemaniac will be able to own the lyrics to the final song on the Beatles album Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

John Lennon's handwritten lyrics to the Beatles classic A Day in the Life are being auctioned in June, Sotheby's announced on Thursday. The double-sided sheet of paper features Lennon's edits and corrections in his own hand — in black felt marker and blue ball point pen, with a few annotations in red ink.

It is expected to fetch between $500,000 and $700,000 when it is sold in New York on June 18.

Rolling Stone magazine listed A Day in the Life at No. 26 in its compilation of the 500 Greatest Songs of All Time and Sgt. Pepper won four Grammy awards in 1968.

The lyrics stirred controversy when the Beatles released the album in 1967. The song was banned by the BBC because it twice features the line, "I'd love to turn you on," which was interpreted as supporting illegal drug use.

The album's Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds was alleged to have glorified the use of the hallucinogenic LSD, a claim that band members denied.

In addition, A Day in the Life features the lyric "he blew his mind out in a car," which Beatles aficionados claim is a reference to the accidental death of Tara Browne, the Guinness heir and close friend of both Lennon and Paul McCartney. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Lennon's handwritten lyrics to the Beatles classic A Day in the Life are being auctioned in June. The song appears on the Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album (pictured).

Paris should pay for movie bomb: Lawyer

Paris Hilton should return up to $1 million US she was paid for the 2006 box-office bomb Pledge This! because she didn't plug the film enough, an attorney for the movie's investors told a federal judge Thursday.

The 29-year-old hotel heiress, actress and self-promoting businesswoman refused nine requests for print and broadcast interviews she should have given under her contract, said investor attorney Bryan West.

"We paid her $1 million, and we're entitled to get at least a portion of that back," West told U.S. District Judge Federico Moreno. "Part of what actors do is promote their films."

But Hilton's attorney, Michael Weinsten, said she took part in several high-profile publicity events — including an appearance at the Cannes Film Festival — and that the contract didn't require her to do interviews when she was busy on other projects.

Weinsten added that Hilton also had the right to approve or reject any proposals or offers.

"Paris Hilton is a brand. That is her value, and how she makes money," he said. "She did substantial publicity."

Hilton, who testified last summer at a trial over the dispute, did not attend Thursday's hearing. She said previously that although dissatisfied with the finished Pledge This! cut, she wanted the college sorority romp to succeed and worked hard to make that happen. Yet the film only made $2.9 million.

Moreno previously rejected the investors' effort to sue Hilton for $8.3 million in damages, which included the $1 million she was paid for her acting and as executive producer. But he left open the possibility that she might have to repay some or all of that fee as restitution if she did not fulfil her publicity obligations.

Moreno did not indicate when he would rule. The case centres on determining the value of the appearances Hilton did against the cost of those she rejected, which ranged from a proposed appearance on NBC's Tonight Show to phone chats with several British publications.

"The question is, what is the value of what she did do? Because she did do something," Moreno said. "How do I quantify it?"

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Mellowing out with MGMT

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada

Not everyone is suited for fame. Just ask MGMT.

Having sold more than a million copies of their 2008 breakthrough album, Oracular Spectacular, and found an unlikely mainstream audience, Andrew VanWyngarden and Ben Goldwasser became overwhelmed by it all.

"Ben and I are really kind of quiet," explains VanWyngarden. "We like mellow times. We've had a lot of fun, but we definitely weren't prepared for that, we didn't know what was going to happen."

After all the Grammy nominations, album of the year honours and bona fide commercial radio hits, MGMT did the only thing they could — they wrote about it.

Over the phone en route to Coachella, VanWyngarden makes the new MGMT album, Congratulations, sound as though it was written as a stress reliever.

"A lot of this new album is expressing that feeling of being overwhelmed and frustrated to the point where the media is portraying you in ways you don't want to be portrayed and you can't do anything about it," he says.

Congratulations, it's safe to say, is not the album most people were expecting from MGMT. Co-produced by their mutual hero Pete "Sonic Boom" Kember (Spectrum, ex-Spacemen 3), the album's whimsical forays into British folk, psychedelia and prog rock have almost entirely replaced the hooky, electro-glam-pop of their debut.

Congratulation's whimsical forays into British folk, psychedelia and prog rock have almost entirely replaced the hooky, electro-glam-pop of MGMT's breakthrough debut, Oracular Spectacular.

VanWyngarden and Goldwasser have spoken out about how it was written as a full-length album without any anthems like Kids and Time To Pretend in mind.

But VanWyngarden is also quick to say that Oracular Spectacular is "still very much a part of them." He just feels Congratulations is a better representation of where MGMT's creative interests currently lie.

"I think we were always bigger fans of weird psychedelic and folk music," he explains. "I don't think this is the ultimate album or our big statement. It just reflects who we are and what we were listening to last year. The next record we make will probably be very different from this one."

For the time being though, VanWyngarden is unfortunately still trying to convince some naysayers that Congratulations was completely intentional. "This album is more sweet, pretty pop music to us, so we don't really get why people accuse us of career suicide," he says with slight frustration.

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Today, **JOHN CUSACK** thinks his spell-check is trying to tell him something, **JOE JONAS** is looking for a good time, and **CONAN O'BRIEN** is making new friends.

@johncusack i was typing to someone about the whitehouse press dinner and my iphone typed out whorehouse press dinner... did i mean that or is it a sign?

@joejonas Anyone in the LA area own a softball field we can play at?.

@ConanOBrien I just ran into Ellen DeGeneres on the Warner Bros lot and we played ping pong. I think she's really into me.

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He's Pitted off

HIGH SCHOOL. IT NEVER ENDS Brad Pitt is reportedly displeased with Jennifer Aniston's cover story and photo to shoot in Architectural Digest, since it's his favorite magazine — and one she used to make fun of him for reading, a source tells Us Weekly.

"Brad thinks she is pathetic," the source says. "(He) feels this is all so desperate. It was a ploy to get his attention."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Bullock's Big Easy connection

SAINT SANDRA OF NEW ORLEANS It's a city synonymous with rebuilding — so New Orleans seems like the perfect place for Sandra Bullock to raise son Louis, people.com reports.

"New Orleans is his city, and he is going to know it inside and out," Bullock says in the exclusive cover story with the magazine, on newsstands now. "Without the spirit of the people who live there and take care of the city and honor its traditions, its love for music, its love for life, take those people out and you don't have why I love New Orleans so much."

Even before deciding to "find our child in New Orleans," Bullock was establishing significant ties to and a love for the Big Easy.

After Hurricane Katrina, Bullock became a major supporter of Warren Easton Charter High School, the first public high school for boys in Louisiana. The historical school sustained $4 million US in damages, and the actress, who tells People she "felt such a profound need to do something for them," has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars for renovations, new band uniforms and a new health clinic.

"She acts as if all 800-plus of these children are her own," Warren Easton's principal Alexina Medley tells People.

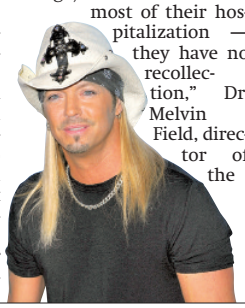
In September Bullock put down more permanent roots, purchasing a home in the Garden District of New Orleans. The mansion is reportedly near property owned by Treme star John Goodman and a home previously owned by writer Anne Rice, according to the Times-Picayune.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Doctor: Michaels probably won't remember details of health crisis

SMALL MERCIES In the past few days, Bret Michaels was rushed to a hospital after suffering a brain hemorrhage, underwent tests while remaining in critical but stable condition and found out he had a side effect that could lead to seizures. But there's a good chance the rocker won't remember any of it, an expert tells People.

"Most people (who suffer this type of brain hemorrhage) don't remember most of their hospitalization — they have no recollection," Dr. Melvin Field, director of the Florida Hospital Neuroscience Institute, tells the magazine.



Doctors usually "give patients some sedation so they don't have pain, and that can kind of make it so they don't remember too much," says Field, adding that having blood in the brain can also cause some confusion.

Michaels will remain under the care of doctors.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Brinkley and daughter get matching plastic pick-me-up

CELEBRITIES: *NOT* JUST LIKE US For some mother and daughter bonding, Christie Brinkley and Alexa Ray Joel got plastic surgery earlier this month, according to Star magazine, hitting a New York doctor's office one day apart for procedures that set them back $60,000, sources estimate.

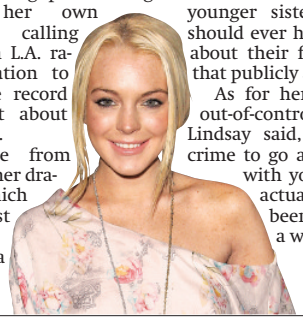
Brinkley reportedly went in for a face-lift, while Joel got a nose job.

"Both Alexa and Christie are so happy," a source tells the magazine.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Lohan comes to her own defense

BECAUSE SHE'S PRETTY MUCH THE ONLY PERSON LEFT ON THE PLANET WHO WILL Lindsay Lohan decided to take her floundering public image into her own hands, calling into an L.A. radio station to set the record straight about her life.



"Aside from the father drama, which is just nuts, I'm a nice person," she told Kiss FM's Jo-Jo Wright, referencing Michael Lohan's claims in the press that Lindsay is a bad influence on her younger sister. "No one should ever have to worry about their father saying that publicly about them."

As for her supposedly out-of-control partying, Lindsay said, "It's not a crime to go and have fun with your friends. I actually haven't been out in over a week."

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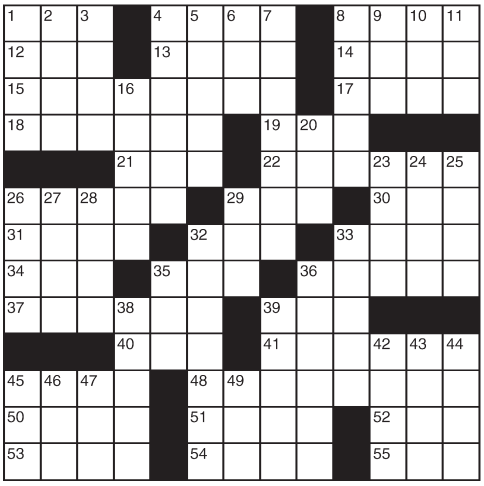

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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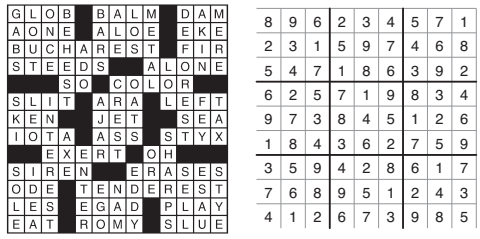

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Parmesan Crusted Chicken

Recipe Developed by Paula Bowman
Photo: Carlo Mendoza
PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:
2 egg whites, lightly beaten
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
4 (6-7oz) skinless, boneless chicken breasts
2 cups finely grated Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, chopped

METHOD:
1. Preheat broiler to high and set oven rack to top position. Lightly oil a rimmed sheet pan with olive oil and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, mix egg whites with Dijon mustard and set aside. Place chicken breasts on a cutting board. With a knife parallel to the cutting board, cut chicken breasts in half lengthwise to create two thin chicken breast cutlets. Working with one cutlet at a time, dip chicken into egg white mixture and then coat in Parmesan cheese and place on prepared sheet pan.
3. Broil chicken breasts until crunchy and golden on one side, flip over and continue to cook on other side until cooked through, about 4 minutes per side. Toss carrots with walnuts just before serving. Divide chicken cutlets and carrot mixture among four plates and serve with any remaining broth from pan.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You will have to make sacrifices if you are going to turn your dreams into realities. At least the Sun's is in the financial sector of your chart.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Focus clearly on what it is you want out of life. The planets indicate that what you think about strongly over the next few days is likely to come true.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may be outgoing by nature but there are times when you need to be alone and explore what's going on inside your mind, and this is one of them.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Recent events, either in your private life or at work, have pointed you in a new direction that can help bring meaning and purpose to your existence.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Decide what your number one ambition is going to be, then get ready to make it happen. There will be no end of opportunities to move up.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
So many of the things you have been worrying about mean nothing in the greater scheme of things.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
No one can hide anything from you at the moment. Which might be the reason why certain people are avoiding you — they're worried.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You need to be a bit more open about your feelings — not a lot, but enough to let certain people know that you are not emotionally distant.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Nothing in life happens purely by chance, and if you keep that thought in mind today you will find it easier to accept what happens next.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You have a wonderful future, and if you don't believe that now you will start to believe it over the next few days.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
If others have been critical of your behavior lately it is most likely because you don't play by the rules like they do and, to put it bluntly, they are jealous.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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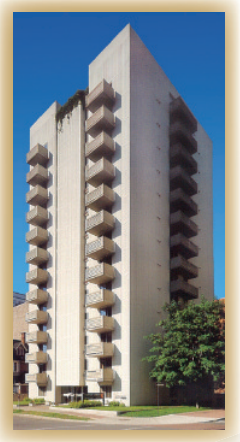

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